

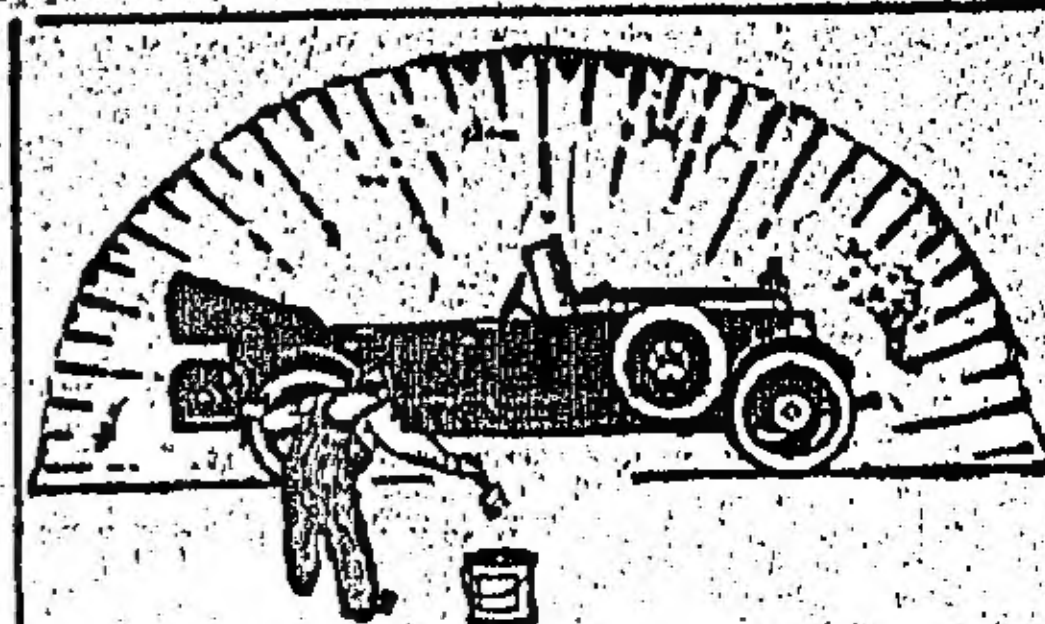
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HANKOW EVACUATION BEGINS.

300 WOMEN & CHILDREN FOR SHANGHAI.

YELLING MOBS OVER-RUN THE CONCESSION.

FIRMS AND BANKS CLOSE.

A very serious situation still prevails in the British Concession at Hankow, where Banks and business firms have been forced to close down indefinitely.

All women and children from Hankow, Ichang and Kiukiang have been evacuated, and, numbering 300, they are now on their way down river to Shanghai. The men at Hankow have been concentrated at safe points on the waterfront.

Last night there were noisy processions by soldiers, pickets and students through the British Concession, the Cenotaph, plastered with Nationalist flags, being used as a stand by orators.

Hankow, Jan. 5.
Owing to the most serious position in the Concession, banks and firms have closed indefinitely. There is some possibility of evacuation.—*Reuter*.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

300 ON WAY TO SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
As a precautionary measure, all women and children at Hankow, Ichang and Kiukiang, were evacuated last night. Two steamers with 300 women and children aboard from these ports are now en route to Shanghai.

At Hankow, all the men are being concentrated on what are regarded as safe points, on the waterfront. There has been no disturbance in the Japanese and French Concessions at Hankow, where foreign officials, and foreign-controlled police continue to function.—*Reuter*.

FRANTIC PROCESSIONISTS. SOLDIERS, PICKETS AND STUDENTS.

Hankow, Jan. 5.
Processions of soldiers, pickets and students, carrying banners and singing and yelling, have passed through the British Concession.

The Cenotaph, which is plastered over with Nationalist flags and propaganda is used as a convenient stand for orators. To-night the Concession is superficially quiet.—*Reuter*.

DELICATE POSITION.

MOBS OVER-RUN CONCESSION.

Rugby, Jan. 5.
Press telegrams from Hankow report a delicate situation. Marines and blue-jackets were withdrawn from the British Concession to their vessels in the river in order to remove all semblance of provocation and to permit the Chinese authorities to fulfil their understanding to maintain order.

Since then coolies are said to have over-run the Concession and to have torn down barricades, and further requests have been made to the Chinese Officials to control the disorderly elements. The naval forces, off Hankow are being augmented.

FROM NAVAL SOURCES.

LITTLE DEVELOPMENT.

Information received from the naval authorities in Hongkong this morning indicates that the position in Hankow has developed but little. The Chinese authorities have given assurances for the safety of the Concession, but the women and children, and hospital cases, are being evacuated as a precautionary measure. The same policy of evacuation

RICKSHA MISSION.

HONGKONG MEETING ARRANGED.

BISHOP VALTORTA'S PLEA.

It will be learned with much interest that a movement is afoot to ameliorate the lot of Hongkong's chair and ricksha coolies. Called by Bishop Valtorta, a meeting is to be held to-morrow evening to discuss the question.

Bishop Valtorta spent many years as a missionary in Hoifung, the home of many of the chair and ricksha coolies who ply in Hongkong, and he has often desired that something should be done to improve their living conditions.

A HARD LIFE.

In the course of a circular on the subject, the Bishop says:—"Whilst all must realise the extreme hardship of their lives, very few, perhaps reflect that these men have wives and families, whom they have left in the country either with no support at all or with such inadequate support that they are constantly on the verge of starvation. Driven to seek some pleasure in a life little better than that of a beast of burden, they readily take to gambling, so that their earnings are not sent home."

"Six years ago, whilst still at Hoifung, I tried to begin some scheme for their betterment. The late Inspector Carrod gave much valuable information, and promised to help as best he could. But at the time no definite move could be made. Later I broached the question on more than one occasion with members of the St. Vincent de Paul's Society. All realised the need.

SCHEME NEEDED.

"Now since the responsibility of the Episcopate has been thrust upon me, I have already made overtures to a Congregation, which occupies itself with such social works, to come and take up this work. Later they may do so. In the meantime we cannot stand by and see these men utterly uncared for. I naturally turn to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. From their wide experience of social problems and their devoted zeal no body could be more capable of suggesting a practical scheme and, if need be, of forming a sub-committee to actuate it."

HUMAN SYMPATHY.

"We want a place where they could find amusement and relaxation, without being compelled to gamble; direction and assistance during illness and unemployment; means of corresponding with their families, of whom many are Christians; encouragement to save their earnings for their families and for the rainy day, and finally creating an atmosphere and an influence which would guard them against anti-Christian and Bolshevik Guilds, affording them a meeting-place where they would feel and be elevated by the touch of human sympathy."

KOWLOON SNATCHING.

OLD PORTUGUESE LADY VICTIMISED.

Yesterday, Mrs. M. J. Barros Maher, an old Portuguese lady, had pepper thrown into her eyes in Nathan Road, Kowloon, by a snatcher who used this method to cause discomfort to his victim whilst he snatched a handbag from her hand.

The lady was thrown to the ground, but she uttered cries which attracted the attention of passers-by. One of these was Sanitary Inspector Kerrison, who made short work of the miscreant's resistance, and took him to the local Police Station. The man is to be brought before the Kowloon Magistrate.

CHEKIANG STRUGGLE DEVELOPS.

ATTACK AGAINST NINGPO LIKELY.

CLASH NEAR FUYENG.

Chinese reports state that the military operations in Chekiang are developing, especially in the central and northern portions of the province.

It is said that as soon as the troops of General Chow Yam-yan, of Fukien, have advanced sufficiently northwards to link up with Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, the latter will arrange a joint attack against Ningpo. It is reported that General Chow's troops have already reached Tschow, on the Lingkiang River.

Regarding the situation at Hangchow, it is reported that some 2,000 troops under General Chow Fang-chi, who has lately linked up with the Kuomintang, are advancing in the direction of Hang-fu, whilst the forces of General Lai Sai-wang, who also went over to the Kuomintang when Kiangsi was invaded, are also moving forward, so that the Nationalists hope soon to capture Hangchow.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is said to be bent on crossing the Tsching River in order to besiege Tunglo and other places occupied by the Nationalists.

It is reported that on the morning of the 4th instant, a clash occurred at Fuyeng between Southern troops commanded by General Chow Fang-chi and those under General Han Kung-yu. The engagement is said to have lasted six hours, the result being that General Chow's forces were compelled to retreat.

TRAM FARE DISPUTE.

STORY OF TORN TICKET.

A Chinese was charged, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, with trying to avoid paying his tram fare.

After Mr. Gillard, from the Tramway Company, had explained the elaborate system adopted by the company for the checking of the tram tickets, and pointed out that the torn pieces produced in Court did not correspond with the serial number applicable to the tram, in question, the defendant rummaged in his pocket and finally produced another torn bit, which, on being compared with other pieces, was found to bear the correct number.

The case was dismissed.

SUMATRA REVOLT.

ASSERTING DUTCH AUTHORITY.

Padang, Jan. 5.
The whole of the male population of Padang Siboesok is now subjected to Dutch authority, and 287 prisoners are being escorted to Sawahlento.

Action has begun against Siloengkang, another centre of the rebellion. The military forces in the affected regions are considered adequate to cope with the situation.—*Reuter*.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S HEALTH.

A COMPLETE REST ORDERED.

Nice, Jan. 5.
The health of the Duke of Connaught, who is wintering here, is unsatisfactory. The doctors have ordered him a complete rest, and the Duke has cancelled all engagements and is not making others.—*Reuter*.

OVERWHELMED BY AVALANCHE.

TWENTY-TWO RUSSIANS KILLED.

Moscow, Jan. 5.
Twenty-two were killed when an avalanche of snow overwhelmed the dwellings of employees at gold mines in the Khankassky District of Yrui Province.—*Reuter*.

SUNNING PIRACY.

OPENING OF THE DEFENCE.

THIS MORNING'S EVIDENCE.

With the discharge, from time to time, of nine defendants in the Sunning piracy case, and the committal, yesterday, of six others who were not legally represented, there now remain only five more defendants against whom Police Court proceedings are still continuing. Of these latter, an interesting figure is No. 6 defendant, a monumental mason, whose defence was opened by Mr. M. K. Lo when Mr. R. E. Lindsell resumed his sitting at the Central Magistrate's court this morning.

So Tik-sui who held a commission for the erection of the tombstone of the late Mr. Ho Fook, was arrested on a statement of his having been seen to speak with an alleged pirate on board the Sunning, and an application for his release on bail had proved successful in the latter stages of the Police Court hearing. To-day a number of well-known Chinese merchants came forward to testify to his business connections, the first of these being Mr. Ho Kwong, a son of the late Mr. Ho Fook.

MR. HO KWONG'S EVIDENCE.

Mr. Ho Kwong, well-known merchant and comrade, and a Justice of the Peace, gave evidence in examination by Mr. Lo, that this first time he had any business with the defendant was when he commissioned him to build the late Mr. Ho Fook's grave at Mount Davis. Under the contract, the defendant was to receive \$12,000, the material to be wholly from Amoy. Construction was to be wholly under the personal supervision of the defendant, without the contract being sub-let to any other. A sum of \$2,000 was advanced against this contract by witness who was given to understand that the money was needed for initial outlay on the material and workmanship at Amoy, to which port witness understood that defendant was to proceed as soon as possible, in view of the short period of the contract.

JUST BEFORE PIRACY.

This was shortly before the occurrence of the piracy, and before that, witness had been called upon to inspect a first consignment of twenty-seven pieces of stone which had arrived in the Colony on the order. Twenty-eight other pieces were, in fact, received in another shipment at the beginning of December.

Since the date of the first advance of \$2,000 on the contract, witness had paid over a further sum of \$500, and there still remained, therefore, a sum of \$10,000 outstanding on the contract. The Crown Solicitor, at the close of the examination, intimated that he had no questions to put on the evidence of Mr. Ho Kwong.

TWO LETTERS.

The other witness called for the defence was Mr. To Sik-tuen, also a well-known Chinese merchant, who occupies the position of Vice Chairman of the Twenty-Four Merchants' Guild, of which the preceding witness is Chairman. He also fills the post of Chairman of the local Fukien Chamber of Commerce, and in that capacity stated that he had many dealings with the defendant, who received from him financial aid for many business undertakings. Of recent years, witness knew that defendant had had contracts to build the graves of most of the rich Chinese who died in this Colony.

Witness produced two letters, one from witness' business connections in Amoy, and the other from his own son, advising of defendant's return to Hongkong on board the Sunning. Both letters had been translated by the Police Court interpreter, and an extract relevant to the case was given as follows:—"I handed Dick Shui (Continued On Page 12.)"

UNSETTLED CANTON CONDITIONS.

LABOUR DISPUTES STILL PREVAIL.

TRADE BADLY HIT.

Chinese reports from Canton state that the situation there is still distinctly unsettled. The armed conflicts between members of rival Labour Unions have spread to the Mechanics' Association and the Railway Employees' Union, and although actual fighting has ceased, both sides are said to be preparing for further warfare.

Regarding trade conditions, these are said to be even worse for the Chinese merchants than during the strike and boycott. Many business firms are closing down, and in this connection it is reported that several firms of rosewood furniture makers have moved to Hongkong, as also have several concerns which started direct rice trade with Bangkok and Saigon.

Moreover, many steamers chartered by the Chinese have ceased calling at Canton in consequence of the detention of the cargo aboard the laid-up China Merchants steamers.

It is also reported that there is much disaffection in naval circles owing to the reported placing under detention of the commander of one of the gunboats, which action is said to have resulted in a strong protest from officers of the ship.

ALLEGED TRICKERY.

TO SECURE GOLD BRACELETS.

In describing a case of larceny by means of a trick, which was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, Detective Sergeant Rozeskiw at the Police Court told how, after cultivating the friendship, and, incidentally the confidence of a married couple, the defendant displayed some jade ornaments and handing these to the woman, borrowed her gold bracelets the original design of which he said he admired and wished to copy.

Needless to say, continued the police officer, the defendant disappeared after having obtained the bracelets, and was not seen again until matters were brought to a head by a chance meeting and an altercation in the street.

The case was remanded, the defendant being allowed bail in the sum of \$500.

FORGED NOTE.

KOWLOON CASE DISMISSED.

Although remanded from yesterday for the defence to call witnesses, the matched builder who again appeared before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning, on charges of uttering a forged \$10 note and of possession of the said note, knowing the same to have been forged, was discharged by his Worship before calling upon the defence to produce any evidence.

U. S. AND SILVER.

Washington, Jan. 5.
The House Committee has favourably reported on a Bill to purchase 14,589,000 ounces of silver at \$1 per ounce, in accordance with the Pittman Purchase Act, 1918.

Silver is at present selling below 55 cents per ounce in the open market.—*Reuter's American Service*.

BRITAIN & ITALY.

TALK OF ALLIANCE SCOUTED.

MISCHIEVOUS ARTICLE.

Rugby, Jan. 5.

Extraordinary assertions are contained in an article published simultaneously by the Paris *Matin* and the New York *Herald Tribune* regarding the Treaty of Tirana, recently concluded between Italy and Albania.

The writer attributes the Treaty to the desire of the British Government to please the Italians by giving them a free hand in Albania as a preliminary to negotiating an Anglo-Italian alliance the purpose of which would be to counter-balance at the same time the effects of the Franco-German friendship initiated during the Thoiry conversations and the alleged Russo-Turkish rapprochement.

SOME MIS-STATEMENTS.

Intervened with this highly imaginative conception of British policy, are various specific mis-statements, among them being the allegation that British policy towards Albania had undergone a change. It may be taken for granted that if reference were made to Albanian affairs during the Leghorn meeting between Sir Austen Chamberlain and Signor Mussolini, the discussion led to nothing more than a re-affirmation of territorial and political integrity of Albania, which, incidentally, is a Member of the League of Nations. The Treaty of Tirana was first heard of in London official quarters on December 1st when the Italian Ambassador called on the Foreign Secretary and informed him that the Treaty had been signed, on November 27th and giving him a broad outline of its contents.

ABSURD IDEA.

The article reveals an absurd misconception in ascribing to Britain a desire to produce a European balance of power. The fundamental aim of British policy since the war has been to substitute for such a discredited system, methods of international co-operation in the spirit of the League of Nations. The network of Treaties concluded within the four corners of the Locarno Agreement embodies a system supported and promoted by British policy which differs fundamentally from the conception of power, Cordial as are the relations between Italy and Great Britain, there is no question of concluding an alliance.—*British Wireless*.

MEXICAN TURMOIL.

REBELS AND BANDITS ACTIVE.

Mexico City, Jan. 5.
It is persistently reported in commercial circles that 2,000 rebels, commanded by General Juan Gallegos, have taken possession of the city of Zacatecas, the centre of one of the richest silver districts in the world.

The Capital is deluged with tales of revolts and disturbances in various parts of Mexico which are not confirmed. It is reported that revolutionaries and bandits are active throughout the country.—*Reuter*.

MILITANT CATHOLICS.

New York, Jan. 5.
According to the *Herald Tribune's* Mexico City correspondent a party of 50 well-armed and well-mounted Catholics, shouting "Live Christ the King," captured several Government officials at Paros De La Fuente in the Mexican State of Coahuila, and executed the local labour leader. Federal troops are rushing to the scene of the trouble.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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WANHSIEN INCIDENT.

THE OFFICIAL STORY.

The following account of the Wanhsien incident has been compiled from official British documents and is now issued as an authentic version of what actually occurred:

The situation on the Yangtze during the last few days of August was as follows: The Southern Army was facing Wu Pei-fu, whose forces occupied a broad front centred at Hankow; and on the upper waters of the Yangtze, with Headquarters at various towns, were many Generals, nominally under his authority but for all practical purposes independent commanders.

To facilitate the movement of their troops these Generals, and notably General Yang Sen, whose Headquarters lay at Waghsien, had adopted the plan of placing large numbers of armed soldiers upon foreign steamers for transport up and down river. This was done in defiance of the wishes of the Masters of these vessels. During the progress of a Chinese civil war, transporting troops in any manner in British ships was deemed a breach of the strict neutrality which His Majesty's Government desired to observe, and repeated protests both at Peking and locally had been made by the Consular officials and the Commanders of His Majesty's ships.

These protests had been of no avail, although until 27th August such troops had always left British ships when ordered so to do by a British Naval representative. Shipping companies were not anxious that their vessels should stop at towns occupied by soldiers, but they had their commitments of cargo to consider, and there was also the fact that ships which did not stop were invariably subjected to a heavy fusillade; nor was it possible to obtain any guarantee against such a proceeding.

Early on 29th August, the British S.S. Wanliu, belonging to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Ltd., was boarded at Yun Yang by 16 armed soldiers, and several other boatloads of troops were seen approaching. S.S. Wanliu at once went ahead slowly to escape them, and, in spite of an attempt by those already on board to rush the bridge and engine-room, the ship's officers were able, by barricading the upper deck and engine-room, to hold them off, and proceed on their voyage.

During the attempt to come alongside, it is thought two sampans collided, and one with about 8 people on board had fallen astern in an apparently sinking condition, but owing to the presence of many other boats there appeared no danger to life. In view of this, and of his difficult position, the Master of the S.S. Wanliu did not stop, but continued to Wanhsien, where, about 2 p.m. he signalled to H.M.S. Cockchafer for assistance.

The remainder of the troops from Yunyang, who had tried to board the S.S. Wanliu there, arrived at Wanhsien twenty minutes later in the American S.S. I Ping, in which they had commandeered passage, and after apparently reporting what had happened, they lined the foreshore abreast the Wanliu in a threatening manner. An armed guard was then sent from the Cockchafer, the 16 soldiers who during the passage up had seized the Compradore and threatened to kill the Master were disarmed and sent ashore, and the ship shortly after proceeded on her voyage up stream.

The Other Cases.
When S.S. Wanliu sailed, it was discovered that General Yang Sen had meanwhile put a large force of soldiers on board the S.S. Wanhsien, another steamer belonging to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, then at anchor off the town after which the steamer is named. He declined to negotiate with the Captain of H.M.S. Cockchafer, and stated he would only do so with the British Consul at Chungking. On the evening of the same day (29th), S.S. Wantung, of the same Company, arrived and was

promptly boarded by a number of armed soldiers, who took possession of the ship and posted snipers with orders to fire on any boat approaching from H.M.S. Cockchafer. The officers of both the merchant ships were detained, and requests for their release and for the removal of the troops on board were ignored.

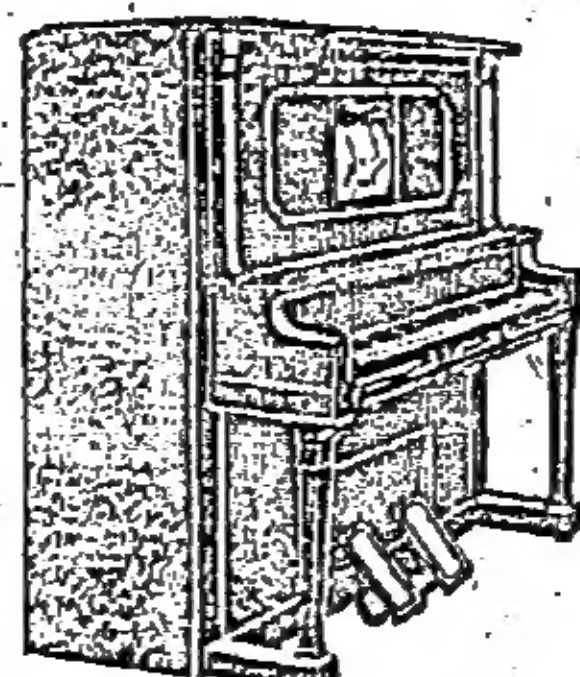
On September 1st, His Majesty's Consul at Chungking arrived at Wanhsien, and negotiations with General Yang Sen were begun. The Consul requested the release of the two British ships and their officers, promising British co-operation in a proper legal enquiry into the alleged sinking of the sampan by the S.S. Wanliu. General Yang, however, flatly declined to comply with his request until the Wanliu question had been settled. Finally, the Consul was obliged to warn General Yang that it might be necessary to resort to extreme measures if he declined to take any notice of these official protests against his illegal action, and reminded him that the responsibility of any grave occurrence would be his.

H.M.S. Widgeon arrived at Wanhsien from Chungking on 3rd September. The deadlock still existed, but movements of troops ashore indicated that Yang Sen's intentions were not pacific.

In face of the illegal seizure of two British vessels and the forcible detention of their officers, and of the definite refusal of General Yang Sen to take any step to remedy the situation, it was necessary to take action. Acquiescence in carrying armed troops, which involved a British breach of neutrality, was impossible. The S.S. Kiayo was therefore taken over at Ichang by His Majesty's Navy and manned by a Naval Contingent under the command of Commander Darley, R.N. She sailed on September 4th for Wanhsien, with the intention of rescuing the officers and, if possible, releasing the ships. Hopes were entertained that pacific counsels might prevail when it appeared that definite steps for rescue were being taken.

Fire Returned.
Unfortunately, this proved not to be the case. It was observed from H.M.S. Cockchafer that on the morning of 5th September the troops on board the S.S. Wanhsien and S.S. Wantung were being reinforced. At about 6.30, the Kiayo arrived off the town of Wanhsien and went alongside the S.S. Wanhsien. A party from the Kiayo then went on board the Wanhsien to rescue the officers (Continued on Page 8.)

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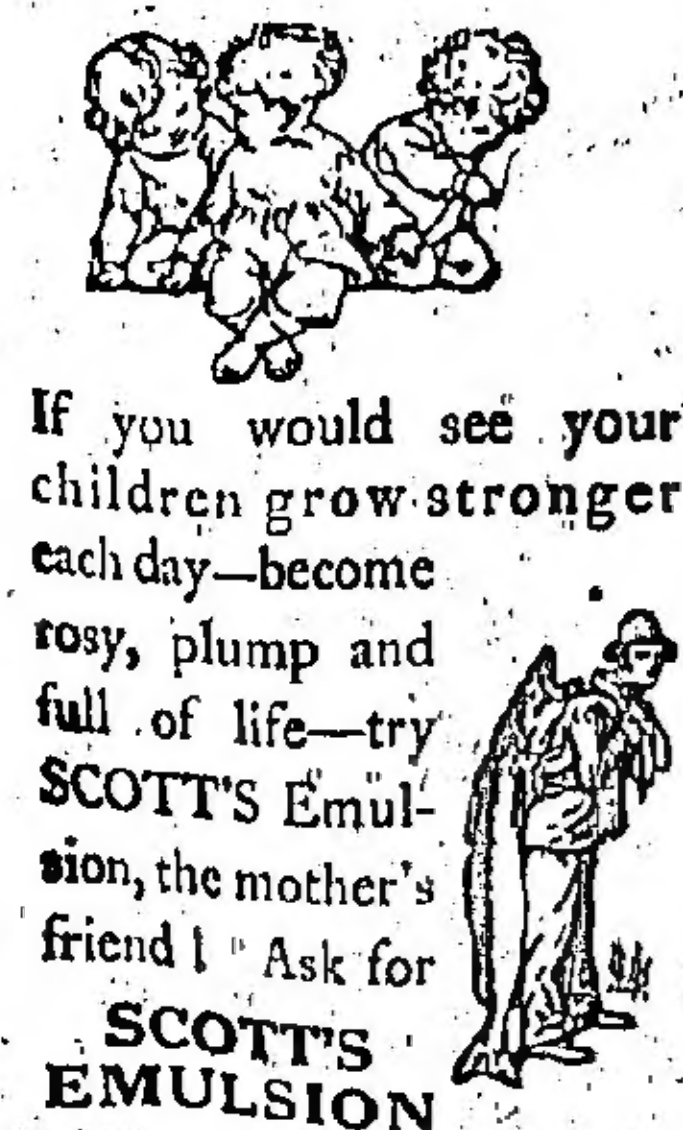
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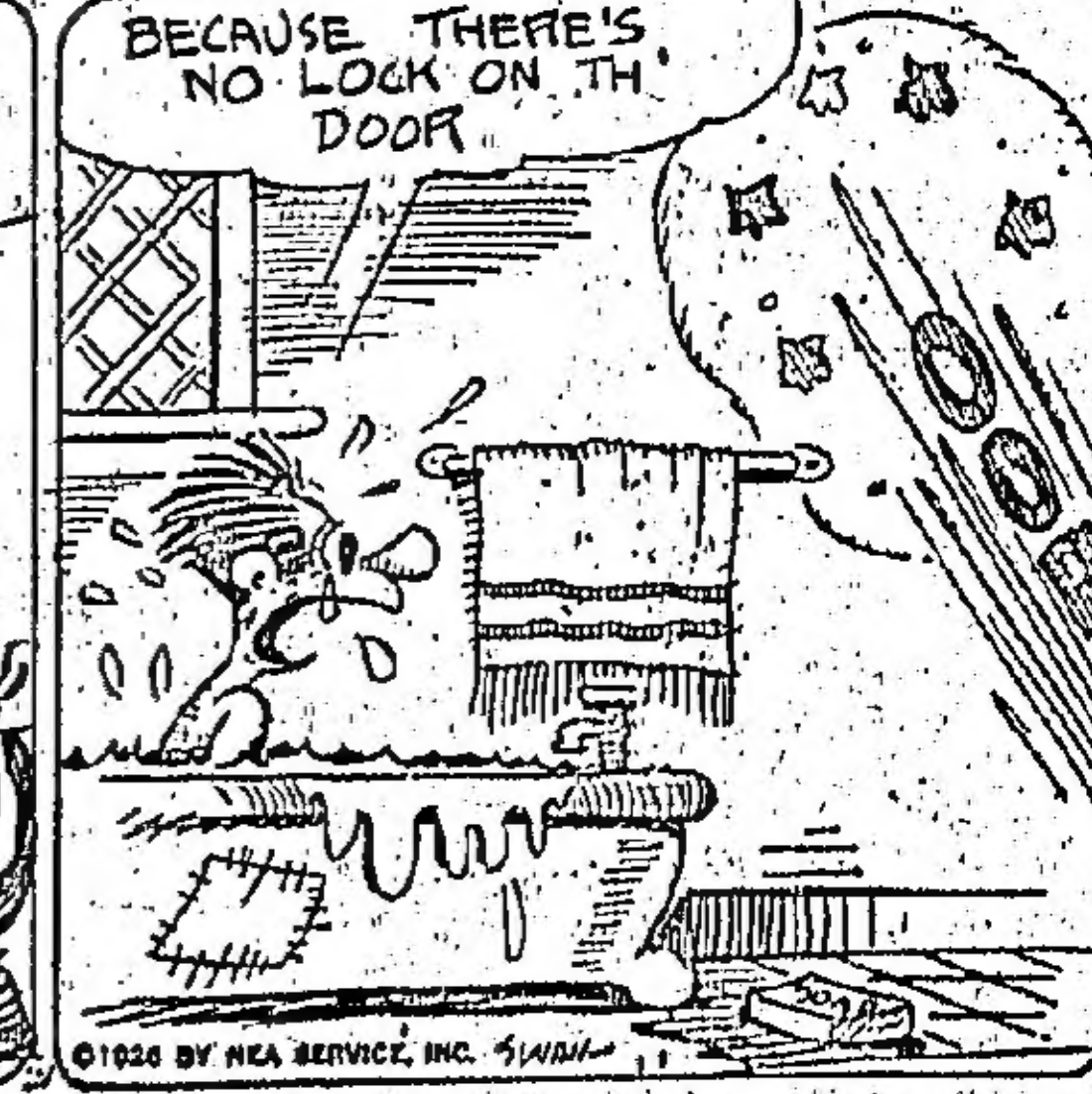
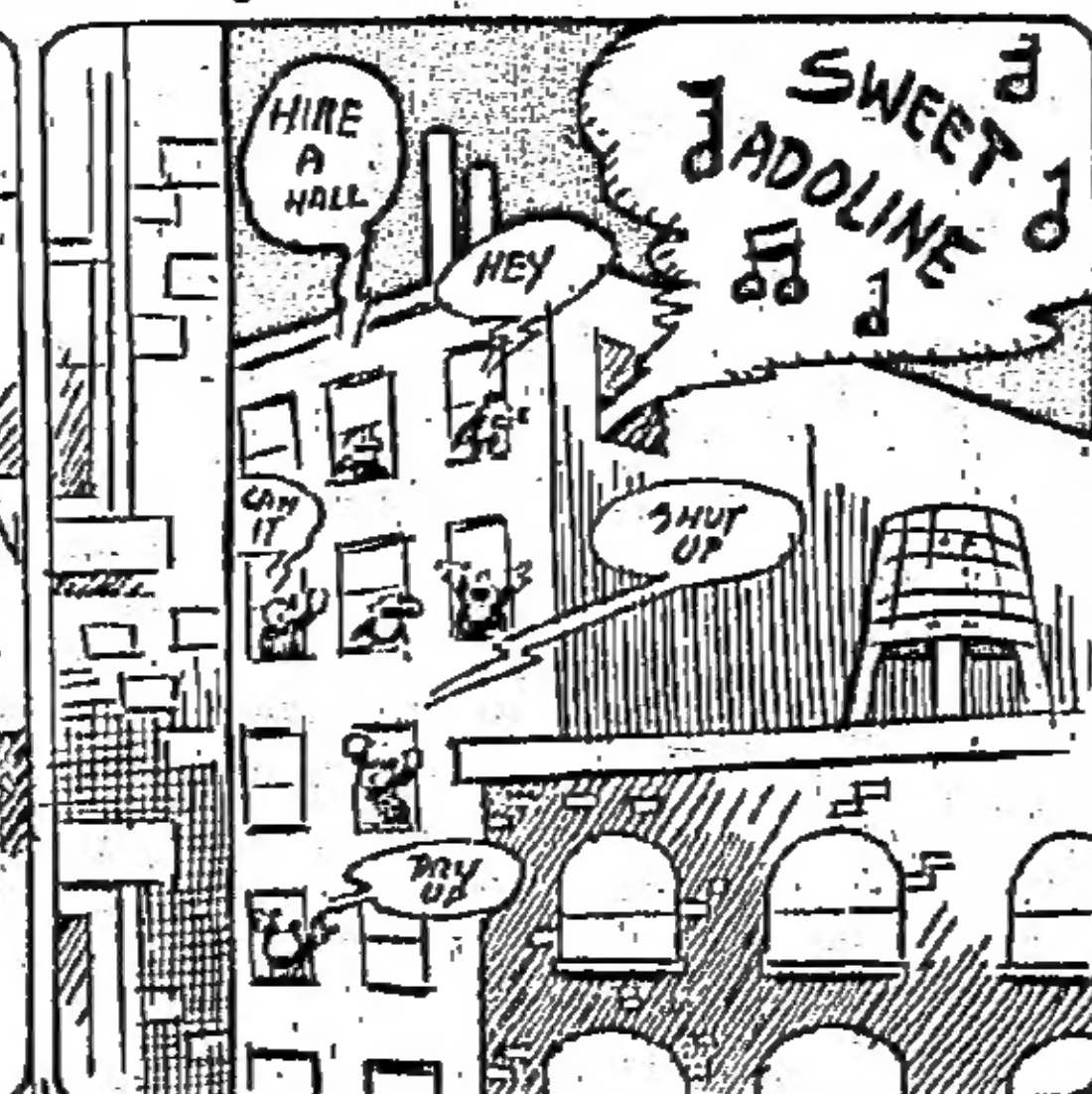
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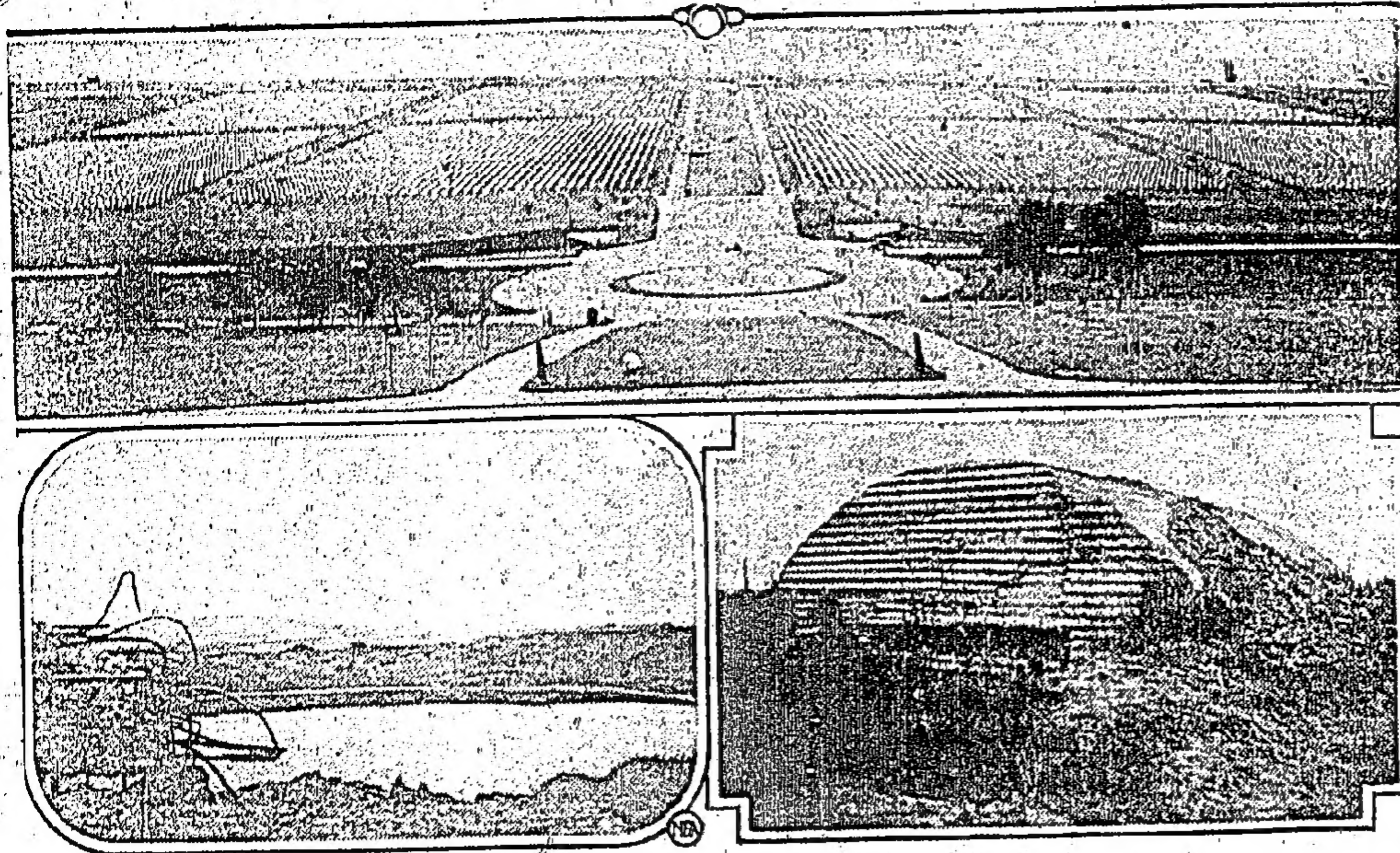
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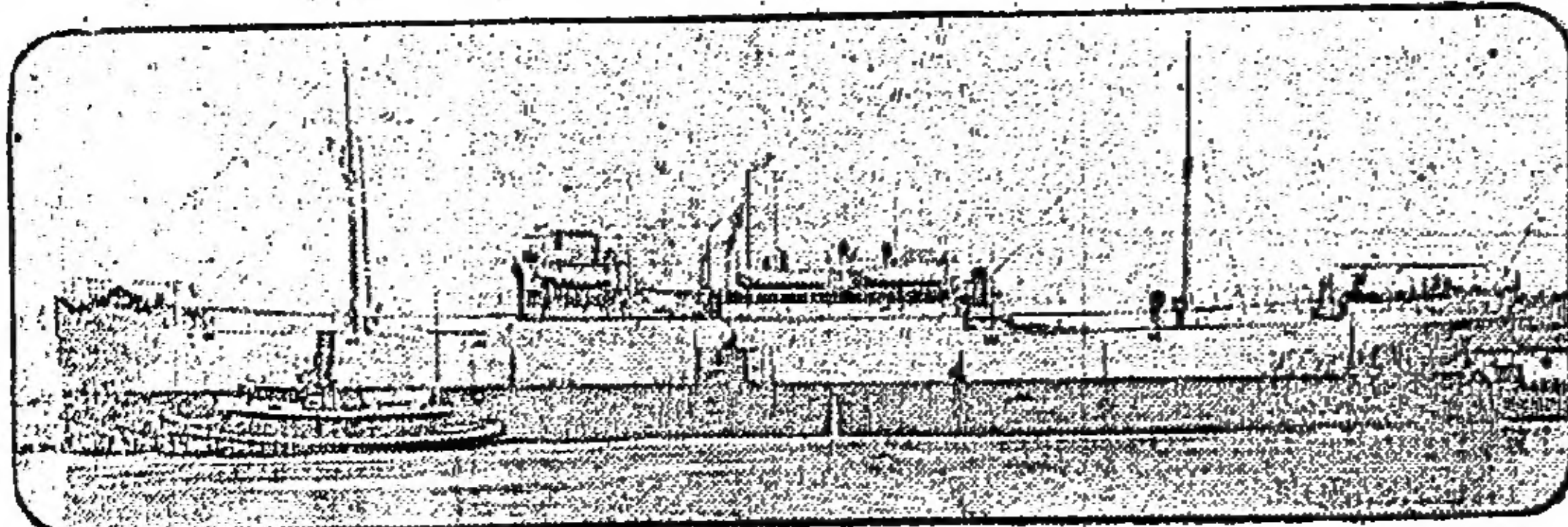
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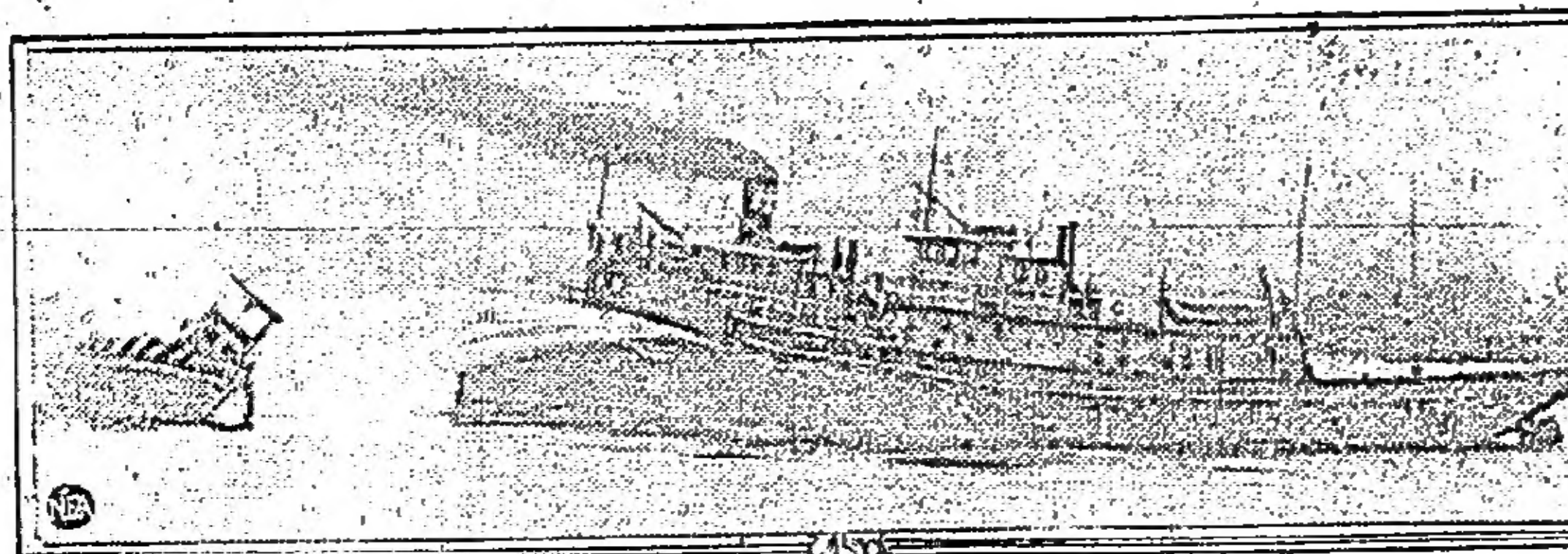
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NOTED SINGER.—Here is the most recent picture of Amelita Galli-Curci, the great prima donna.



TO BE CONVERTED INTO MOTORSHIP.—The United States Shipping Board has given orders for the installation of two powerful Diesel engines in its steamers, the "Unicoi" and the "Tampa." Completion of the installation is expected soon, when trial runs will be made. Then the motorships will begin operation in overseas commerce. The "Yamacraw," sister ship of the U.S. Shipping Board vessels "Tampa" and "Unicoi," shows the type of ship first to be Dieselized for the government.



DESTROYED BY FIRE.—When fire destroyed this gasoline barge on the Schuylkill river at Philadelphia, one member of the crew was severely burned, and a second could not be found after fireboats finally subdued the flames.



CUP WINNER.—Major Mario de Bernardi, of the Royal Italian Air Force, got a hilarious ride on the shoulders of his fellow countrymen at Norfolk, Virginia, after winning the Schneider seaplane cup race.



DUCHESS SEEKS DIVORCE.—A divorce suit brought by the Duchess of Torlonia (above) against her Italian husband is pending in the Connecticut Superior Court at Bridgeport. The Duchess, was Elsie Moore and the heiress of the fortune of her father, the late Charles A. Moore, of Greenwich, Connecticut. The Duke contends that the Connecticut court is without jurisdiction.



A PRETTY DECEMBER WEDDING.—Group taken after the wedding at the Ohel Rachel Synagogue Shanghai, on December 8, of Mr. Hayim E. Hayim and Miss Aline Moses. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hayim, of Bombay, and the bride the daughter of Mrs. A. E. M. Moses, of Shanghai. The bridesmaids are Miss Winnie Moses (sister of the bride), Miss Aziza Abraham (cousin of the bride), and Miss Shahmoon.

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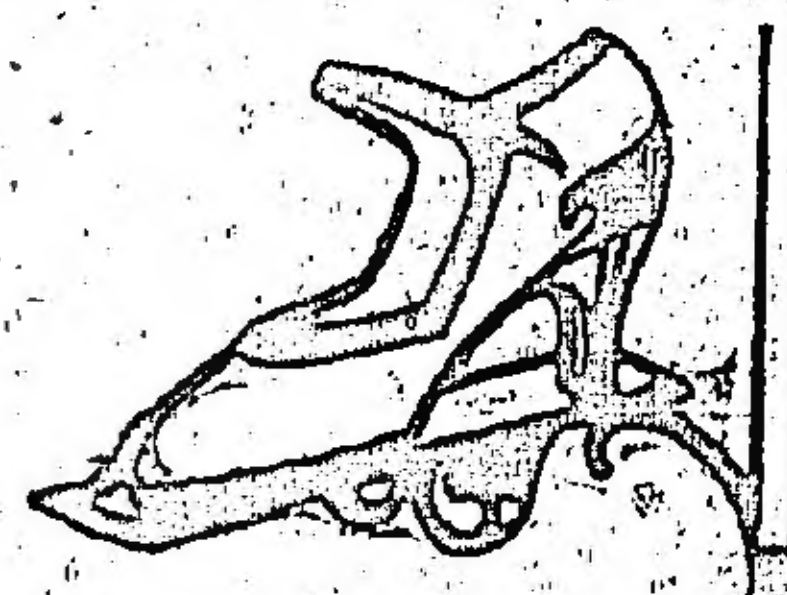
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WANTED.—Young British desires position, previously connected with shipping, willing to do anything, go anywhere. Salary minor consideration. Start him for the New Year. Box-143, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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LOST.—A Brown Setter Bitch white breast and right fore foot. Return to William Russell, No. 10, Post Office Building.

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TO LET.—One European FLAT Wanchai Gap Road, Hongkong. Apply to 32, Kennedy Road.

TO LET.—Office Rooms, 2nd Floor, New Hongkong Bank Building. Apply Sang Kee, same building.

TO LET.—A three roomed European FLAT on top floor of No. 14, Conduit Road. Apply to H. M. H. Namazee.

COMMODOUS OFFICES to let in No. 7, Queen's Road Central, also two small offices in 1A, Chater Road. Apply E. D. Sassoon and Company, Ltd.

TO LET.—Offices on Ground Floor of Queen's Building suitable for a Bank. For particulars apply to The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.

TO LET.—From 1st February, "No. 2, North View," five-roomed BUNGALOW, two bath rooms, servants' quarters, and recently extensively repaired. Apply Dencons, Princess' Building.

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COMMODOUS Ground Floors of Nos. 15, 16 & 17, Connaught Road C., and First Floor of No. 16, Next P. and O. Bldg. Suitable for shipping offices. Apply S. K. Trust Ltd., 29, Connaught Road C.

TO LET.—Fully furnished HOUSE on upper levels, close to motor road. Long or short lease. Immediate possession or available in March. Write Box No. 134, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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have large stocks of best quality house-hold coal, and can supply to all parts of the Colony at the shortest notice, and cheapest prices. For full particulars, apply 48, Connaught Road Central, Tel. C.741.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG WATERWORKS.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after Saturday, the 8th instant, the SUPPLY of WATER to the RIDER MAIN DISTRICTS lying West of Garden Road, will be controlled by bringing the RIDER MAINS into operation and that WATER will be turned on to each Rider Main DAILY for Two Consecutive Hours. Information as to the Hours or Supply to any Particular Property may be obtained on application at the Office of the Water Authority, the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, or at the Tung Wah Hospital.

HAROLD T. CREASY,

Water Authority,
Public Works Department,
Hongkong 6th January, 1927.

G. R.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

1927.

The School year begins on Monday, 10th January. The Head Master will attend at the School on Friday, 7th January, 10 a.m. to admit new pupils.

UNITED SERVICES RECREATION CLUB.

ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The above tournament will open on Monday, January 24th, 1927, when the following events will be competed for:—

- Open Men's Singles.
- Handicap Men's Singles.
- Open Men's Doubles.
- Handicap Men's Doubles.
- Open Ladies Singles.
- Handicap Ladies Singles.
- Open Mixed Doubles.
- Handicap Mixed Doubles.

All entries, which will be confined to Members and Subscribers of the Club, should reach the Hon. Secretary by 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 20th January, 1927. Further details will be issued in due course.

By Order of the

General Committee

(Signed) E. W. MORRIS,

Captain,

Hon. Secretary, U.S.R.C.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Thursday, the 20th day of January, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held at the same place on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 1927, and to confirm, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the following:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof, save that in the proposed new Article 87 the number of Directors be increased from seven to nine and in the proposed new Article 89 the remuneration of \$7,000.00 per annum be increased to \$9,000.00 per annum."

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the alterations, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated and indicated in red ink can be seen during the usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,

General Manager.

Dated the 4th of Jan., 1927.

NOTICE.

Holders of shares standing in the name of Seu Kon Chi, the undersigned on the registers of the local Companies, are requested to transfer out forthwith the name of Seu Kon Chi, failing which no dividend, if any, shall be paid thereon by the undersigned.

SEU KON CHI,

6, Des Voeux Rd. Central.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1927.

NOTICE.

PIECE-GOODS GUILD AND SUNDRIES-GOODS GUILD.

Notice is hereby given that, arising out of a communication received from the Compradores Association intimating that, as from 1st January, 1927, a compradore's commission of 1% shall be charged for all goods, whether contracted "to arrive" or sold from "Spot cargo," joint meetings of the undersigned have been held to discuss the matter. As a result, it has been resolved and decided that, for all future orders for purchase of goods, only the usual 1/2% compradore's commission will be paid, as hitherto, and no increase whatever will be recognised. Apart from notifying the Compradore Association of our above-mentioned resolution, this advertisement is inserted in order to give the matter public notice.

PIECE-GOODS GUILD AND SUNDRIES-GOODS GUILD.

Hongkong, December 23, 1926.

NOTICE.

CONCERNING PIECE GOODS AND SUNDRIES-GOODS COMMISSIONS.

The following is a translation of a joint-statement made by the Piece Goods Guild and the Sundries Goods Guilds in protest against the increase of compradore commission from 1/2% to 1%, as appearing in the vernacular newspaper, the Wah Tsze Yat Po, on the 4th inst.

(1) With regard to the report which appeared in a certain vernacular newspaper, and the discussion taken place during the meetings of the Compradore Association on 30th December last, as reported in the Wah Tsze Yat Po, there seems to be some misapprehension.

(2) In consequence of the Strike and Boycott last year, many bankruptcies were caused among our guilds, while surviving members are still in agony. After several joint meetings, we have unanimously agreed that the demand of 1/2% increase in commission by the Compradore Association, simply because of our existing hardships and not due to any ill-feeling whatever towards them, must be protested against.

(3) We regret to hear the Compradore Association declare that they will not alter their decision of the increase, and that if we object to their demand, they would rather stop doing business with us, and then press us to clear all overdue stocks as a counter action.

(4) It will be remembered that in last March, when business was very dull, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce kindly tried to seek out ways for our relief. It was prior to the affair of May 31st at Shanghai last year. In reply to the appeal of the Piece Goods Guild, the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce kindly wrote to us on the 14th of May, 1926, that they would persuade importers not to demand from dealers margins for overdue stocks, and not to press hard for clearance of overdue goods, and further consider the deduction of the usual interest, etc.

(5) Besides various hardships confronting our dealers, there are serious troubles prevailing between employees and employers of the Piece Goods in Canton, which brings business to a standstill, and by the end of the Chinese Year, collection of accounts will be very hard. Due to the hardship above-mentioned, which directly affect us, we sincerely hope that the reasonable and experienced members of the Compradore Association will appreciate our difficult position, and abandon the question of increase of compradore commission so as to maintain our friendship and peaceful dealings.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on MONDAY,

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At Godown No. 18 The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods,

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Sardines, Tricycle, Empty Glass Bottles, Empty Sacks, Teak Planks, Round, Angle, Square and Flat Iron, Paper, Galvanized Iron Pipe, Chestnuts, Flour, Porcelain, Steel Strapping, Jams, Iron Plate, Plate Cuttings, Sulphuric Acid, Mimos Extract, etc., etc.

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HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

FOURTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, 8th January, at 9.15 p.m.

at the

THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS.

Stoker Norman Morris H.M.S. "Hermes"

A. B. Bromley H.M.S. "Wishart"

BOOKING at MOUTRIES.

Members—5th and 6th January.

General Public—7th and 8th January.

USUAL PRICES.

THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO LIMITED.

M A C A O.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Inaugural Race Meeting for China ponies of this Club will take place at Macao on the 6th February, 1927, next, if weather permits. There will be only one event at this Meeting, "The Trial Stakes."

The first annual Spring Meeting for China ponies is scheduled to take place on the 16th, 17th, 18th, and 24th April, 1927. The Champion Sweepstake will be run on the 18th April, the 3rd day of the Meeting.

By Order,

S. W. CHENG,

Secretary.

NOTICE.

We have to-day admitted Mr. Michael Howard Turner as a partner in our firm.

DEACONS.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1927.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the business of the UNIVERSAL AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY, situated at 61, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, is under new management and proprietorship. Beginning January 15, 1927, the said firm shall be changed to and hereafter known as the UNIVERSAL MOTOR and Supply Company.

普通汽車及用品公司
As successor to the old company, the new management will be very glad to continue all the established relationship between our business friends and also extend their hearty welcome to new patrons for the coming year.

RIDDLE OF FAMOUS CHURCH.

EXCAVATIONS IN LONDON.

"Is St. Etheldreda's Church in quaint, historic Ely-place, Holborn, the ancient Christian Church of London?"

This is the riddle archaeologists will attempt to solve when they begin their excavations ten feet below the ground under two blocks of diamond merchants' offices in Hatton-garden.

The two buildings will be pulled down early next month. They are probably 200 years old. The rector of St. Etheldreda's Catholic Church, the Rev. Bernard Roe, has applied for permission to examine the foundations of the basement. He will probably have the assistance of eminent archaeologists.

Both buildings back on St. Etheldreda's, and Father Roe and those who are cooperating with him hope to find something which will lead them to the key to the riddle of the church's age.

"I believe we shall be able to prove beyond doubt that this church is the ancient Christian Church of London," said Father Roe to a Daily Express representative. "No doubt we shall discover that the church dates back to the fourth or fifth century."

"I am basing my conclusions entirely on archaeological grounds. The first is the site which the church occupies in the ancient Holborn-road, which stretched from South Wales, across the Cotswolds, to London. An ancient British church was always on the north side of the old Roman road.

The second argument is that a British church always stood on the top of a low hill.

The third argument is that the church is just outside the walls of Roman London, like St. Martin's of Canterbury, which is acknowledged to be British, and St. Julius and Aaron at Caerleon."

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD.

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CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Consignees per Company's Steam,

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are hereby notified that the cargo will be discharged into Holb's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holb's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 6th January.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th January will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 20th January, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong January, 6, 1927.

NOTICE.

BERBLINGER & COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as on and from the 31st day of December, 1926, the partnership between A. Berblinger and F. Feld, who heretofore carried on business at Canton and Hongkong as Engineers, Contractors and General Merchants under the style of Berblinger & Co. has been dissolved by mutual agreement and that the assets and liabilities of the aforesaid business have been assigned to F. Feld who will continue to carry on the said business at the same places as heretofore as sole owner under the style or name of "F. Feld" and also under the former Chinese Hong Name of Bo Ba Young Hang.

BERBLINGER & CO.
And
F. FELD.

Canton, January 1, 1927.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

Hongkong, \$1120 a.
Chartered, Bank, \$21 s.
Mercantile A. & B., \$32 n.
Mercantile C., \$13 s.
P. and O., \$94 b.
East Asia, \$84 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$640 b.
China Underwriters, \$1.45 s.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Union Ins., 290 n.
Yankee Ins., \$45 s.

Fire Ins.

China Fire, \$200 b.
Hongkong Fire, 615 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$28 s.
Steamboats, \$26 s.
Tugs, \$12 b.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$32 b.
Shell Trans., 90/- n.
Star Ferries, \$58 b.
Waterboats, \$154 b.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$22 s.
Malabons, \$36 n.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$1.40 n.
Kailans, 38/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 25 b.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 4.50 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 8.00 n.
Rauha, \$41 n.
Tronbs, 21/- b.
Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$113 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$45 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 170 n.
New Engineerings, Tls. 6 b.
Shanghai Docks Tls. 113 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$84 s.
H.K. Lands, \$54 b.
Realty, \$6 s.
Territorials, \$3 s.
Humphreys, \$14 s.
Princes Bldg., \$89 n.
Rural Lands, \$11 n.

Cottons.

Ewos Cottons, Tls. 9.10 b.
Orientals, Tls. 22 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 54 b.

Buses, Trams.

China Buses, \$94 b.
Tramways, \$22 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$154 b.
S'pore Tractions, 15/- s.
Taxis, \$2 a.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$16 b.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Comments (Comb.) \$10 s.
China Lights, \$16 s.
China Prov., \$5 s.
Constructions, \$1.90 b.
Dairy Farms, \$184 n.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electric, \$564 b.
Macao Electric, \$35 n.
Ropes (Old) \$10 s.
Lane Crawfords, \$8 n.
Mackintosh, \$194 n.
Sinceres, \$94 s.
United Asbestos, \$20 s.
Watsons \$13 n.
Powells, \$64 n.

EMPIRE DAY MEDALS.

TO TEACH CHILDREN PRIDE IN CITIZENSHIP.

To impress on the rising generation the fact that British prosperity depends on the close association of all parts of the Empire, and to inculcate in the children's minds a feeling of pride in their Empire citizenship, the Empire Day Medal Association has evolved a scheme for presentation next Empire Day (May 24, 1927) of medals to school children throughout Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

These are to be earned by boys and girls who write the best essays on "The Empire."

The distribution is to be made by districts, and the association appeals for the names of people willing to form a committee for the collection in each Parliamentary constituency of the necessary funds (12s. 6d. per school) for the provision of aluminium and bronze medals for public elementary schools. There will also be silver and gold medals for special merit. It is felt that private schools will readily co-operate and play for their own medals.

A Picta house has been discovered on a farm, at Rensselaer, Firth, four miles from Kirkwall, Orkney.

VERANDAH STRUGGLE.

INDIAN'S PLUCKY FIGHT WITH BURGLAR.

Thanks to a plucky struggle put up by Mr. Sirdar Khan, of the Harbour Office, living on the top floor of No. 32, Russell Street, a Chinese, believed to be a burglar and to have been in possession of a razor blade, has been arrested by the police. During the struggle, Mr. Sirdar Khan was badly cut in the left shoulder, and was later admitted to hospital where he was detained. His wound is not considered to be serious.

It appears that Mr. Sirdar Khan, who was sleeping in his bedroom close to a window looking out on to the verandah, was disturbed at two o'clock this morning, and, looking through the curtain, he saw someone moving outside. On investigating, he found a Chinese on the verandah and a long struggle occurred when Mr. Sirdar Khan succeeded in overpowering the man. The alarm was given and just before the police arrived the Chinese succeeded in slashing Mr. Sirdar Khan in the left shoulder with what is believed to have been a razor blade.

TRADE OUTLOOK.

LOCAL CONDITIONS STILL DULL.

Enquiries in local commercial circles show that of late there has been little improvement in the general trade of the Colony, affected as it is on the one hand by the operations of an adverse exchange, and on the other hand by conditions which are connected with the recent boycott.

The unsettled position in Canton, from the political and labour aspects, is viewed with anything but confidence by Canton merchants and the expected big orders for Hongkong-transhipped goods have not been forthcoming. In spite of this, however, it has to be recorded that British goods are being shipped if not in large quantities at least in a steady volume to the Chinese port, and the settled conviction of many businessmen here is that for the moment they have to be grateful for small mercies. In view of the long period of trade depression through which the Colony has passed, it will take some time before local business recovers its full pre-boycott vigour.

In the meantime there is hardly any buying on the Stock Exchange, even in landed property, and the general reluctance all round to set liquid money again into circulation has resulted in a glut of silver in the vaults of local banks. The rise in the cost of certain necessities, corresponding with the fall in the rate of silver exchange, has been a factor in this direction. Market prices are on the upward trend, as are rents, except in cases where, to attract tenants for new houses which have been left empty, lower rates than the average are being charged, such as the gratification of tenants who have been forced into cramped conditions in overcrowded tenements.

"STAR THEATRE."

NEW DE MILLE FILM.

"Feet of Clay," the latest production for Paramount by the man who made "The Ten Commandments," will be shown for the first time here at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, to-day. The story is one of



Keep BLOOD-POISON Out!

WHEN skin is broken, as in cuts, bruises, burns and scalds, millions of dangerous microbes are waiting to invade the tissues.

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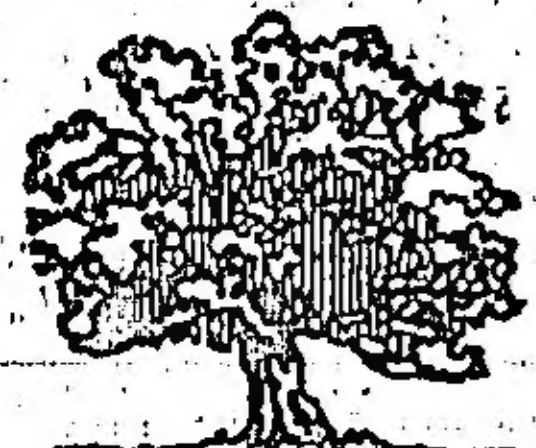
A box of this precious herbal Zam-Buk should be always at hand. It takes the pain and the peril out of daily mishaps and provides you with a reliable healer for a hundred and one skin troubles.

All Chinese and English dispensaries in Hong Kong sell Zam-Buk. Always use Zam-Buk for the speedy healing of cuts, scratches, burns, scalds, etc. For quick clean healing cuts, bruises, scratches, burns, scalds, etc. Put it in your medicine chest & pain.

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Instantly Soothing & Highly Antiseptic

'ALLENBURY'S' sees baby through the bottle period

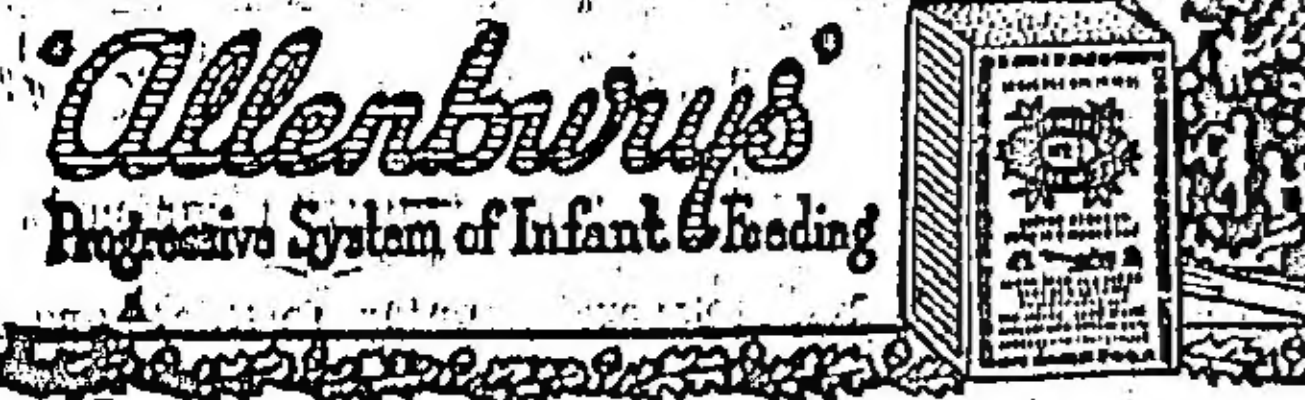


STURDY strength—that traditional feature of the good old British Oak—is the birthright of every little one. We revere the oak for its staunch upstanding against all weathers; and yet it all comes back to nourishment. The sapling oak flourishes within our shores because the soil is ideal. Its hardiness and stamina are gained in those early months when nourishment most counts. How similar is Baby! He will flourish if his food is right. Sturdy carriage and robust growth—strength to weather the storms of life—these depend on correct feeding during Baby's bottle period.

Decide on 'Allenbury's' for your little 'sapling oak'. Its nourishment is ideally adjusted to Baby's every need. Milk Food No. 1 from birth to three months—No. 2 from three to six months—Malted Food No. 3 from six months onwards.

Write for Booklet & Free Sample tin. Many mothers turn to 'Allenbury's' when signs of weakness are noticed. It is safe to do so and an improvement is quickly apparent. But the wise way is the 'Allenbury's' progressive way, right from the beginning. The 'Allenbury's' book 'Infant Feeding & Management' tells all about it. Write for it to-day. A 1/4 lb. tin of Food sent free at the same time if you mention Baby's age and this paper.

Allen & Hanbury, Ltd.
40 Canton Road, Shanghai.



LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONY.

TRANS-ATLANTIC WIRELESS SOON AVAILABLE.

Rugby, Jan. 5. A preliminary Trans-Atlantic telephone service will be available to the public for conversations between subscribers in the London and New York telephone areas from Friday next.

Extension of the service to provincial subscribers may be possible later, and in continental countries in telephone communication with London by land lines the prospect of effecting calls to America through London by means of the new wireless link is being discussed.

Calls from London to New York will be booked in a normal manner, the subscriber asking the local exchange for the American service and giving the name and number of the New York subscriber with whom he desires to speak. The service will be open daily from 1.30 to 6 p.m., British time, at a charge of £5 per minute.

The Postmaster General announces that a new Anglo-German telephone cable has been completed, and that the service is now available between London and the provinces and all parts of Germany. —British Wireless.

NICARAGUA REVOLT.

THE UNITED STATES' INTERESTS.

Washington, Jan. 5. President Coolidge was represented at the White House to-day as believing that the United States must continue its present policy of defending American lives in Central America.

It was pointed out that there is a large number of American nationals in Nicaragua, who control vast commercial enterprises. Further, the United States has purchased rights at the cost of \$33,000,000 to build a canal across the country and also to establish a naval base at Fonseca Bay. —Reuter's American Service.

More Marines Being Landed. Managua, Jan. 5. The United States cruiser Galveston is landing 160 marines at Corinto to-morrow to guard the American Legation at Managua.

All labourers, both native and foreign, are being recruited for service in the conservative army. British, American, and German nationals are protesting against enlistment of coffee pickers. Failure to gather the crop, which is now ready for harvesting, will entail serious loss to the owners. —Reuter's American Service.

CAIRO-KARACHI SERVICE.

AIR MINISTER NEAR JOURNEY'S END.

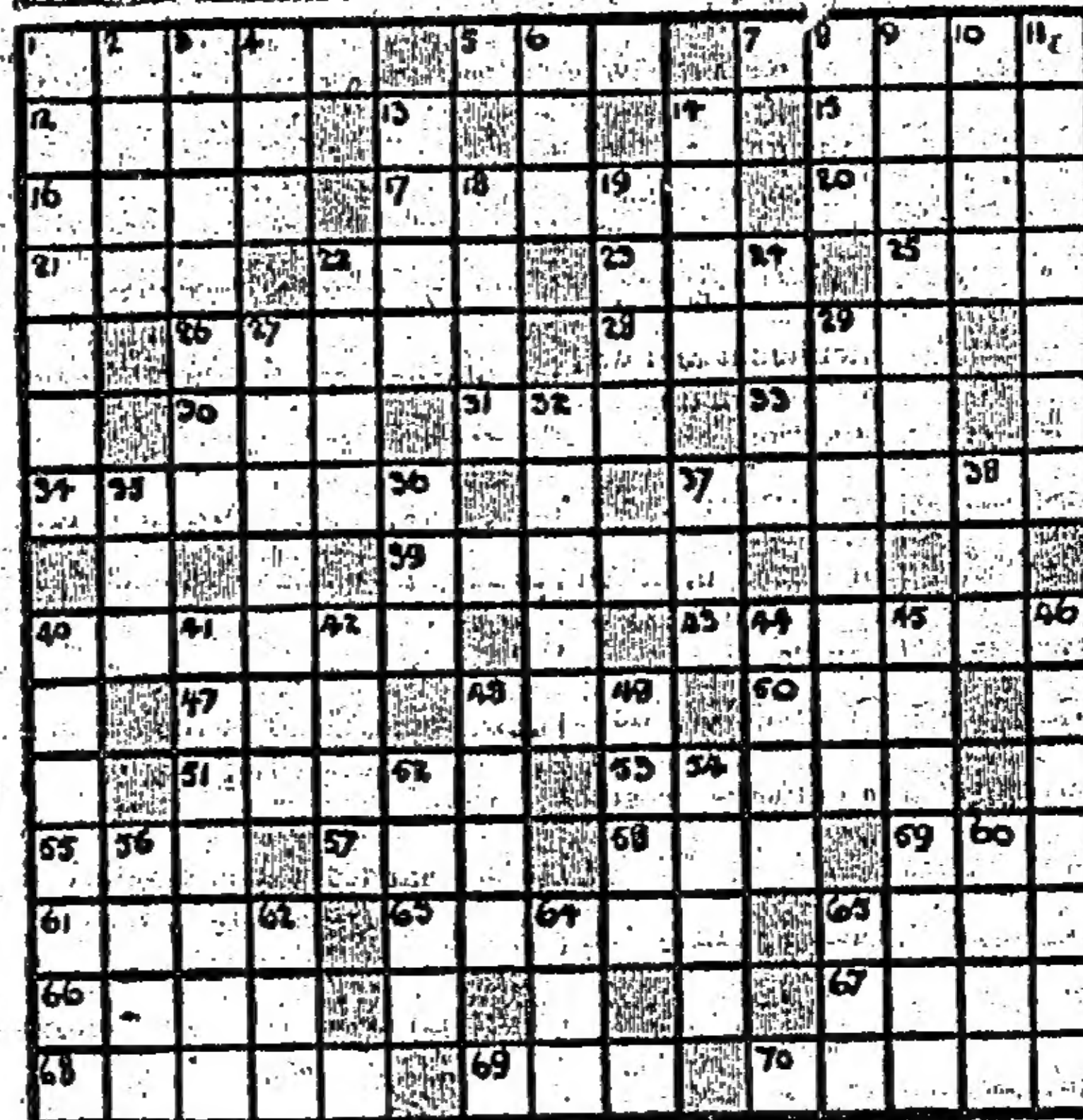
Rugby, Jan. 5. The Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, is expected to arrive in Karachi to-day.

The De Havilland Hercules biplane in which, accompanied by Lady Maud Hoare, and Air Vice-Marshal Salmon, Sir Samuel Hoare is undertaking his great flight by way of inaugurating the new Cairo-Karachi air service, reached Jask from Bushire yesterday, and on to-day's stage will be escorted by air officers from Karachi.

Sir Samuel Hoare left London nine days ago. —British Wireless.

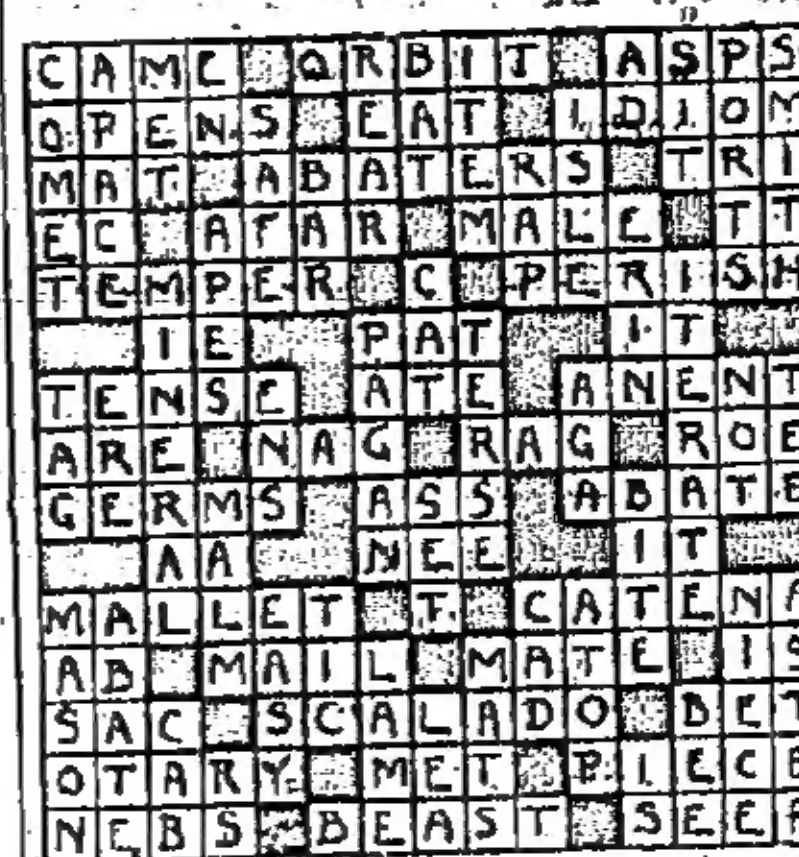
A Delay. Delhi, Jan. 5. Sir Samuel Hoare's Hercules air-liner, after leaving Jask for Karachi, made a forced landing between Jask and Tansi, owing to a sandstorm, and returned to Jask. —Reuter.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
1. Rocking stone.
 6. Mimic.
 7. Measure of length.
 12. Hebrew month.
 14. Broad smile.
 16. Distance.
 17. Star-like plant.
 20. Sea-bird.
 21. Summer food.
 22. Portion.
 23. Content.
 25. Ocean.
 26. Poplar.
 28. Age of the moon on January 1st.
 30. Road making material.
 31. State of equality.
 33. Part of a fish.
 34. Come to notice.
 37. Rages.
 39. Pertaining to birth.
 40. Enlist.
 43. Become aware of.
 47. Atmosphere.
 48. Look closely.
 50. Consumed.
 51. Breathe heavily.
 53. Fertile spots in deserts.
 55. Tap.
 57. Liqueur.
 59. Prophet.
 61. Dry.
 63. Carnivorous mammal.
 65. Journey.
 66. Tree.
 67. Evening.
 68. Grave philosophers.
 69. Enmet.
 70. Part of an act.
- Down.
11. Endless.
 13. Free from water.
 14. Fall.
 18. Pace.
 19. At all times.
 22. Ice mountain.
 24. Got by labour.
 27. Stipulation.
 29. Kindred by birth.
 32. Same as No. 17 Across.
 35. Human beings as a whole.
 36. Point of the compass.
 37. The whole.
 38. Moved quickly.
 40. Entanglements.
 41. Struggling for breath.
 42. Strong drink.
 44. Comfort.
 45. Hold back.
 46. Walk carelessly.
 48. Closely confined.
 49. Time past.
 52. Upheaval.
 54. Air.
 56. Song.
 60. Legal claim.
 62. British river.
 64. Double figure.
 65. Detective (Slang).

Yesterday's Puzzle.



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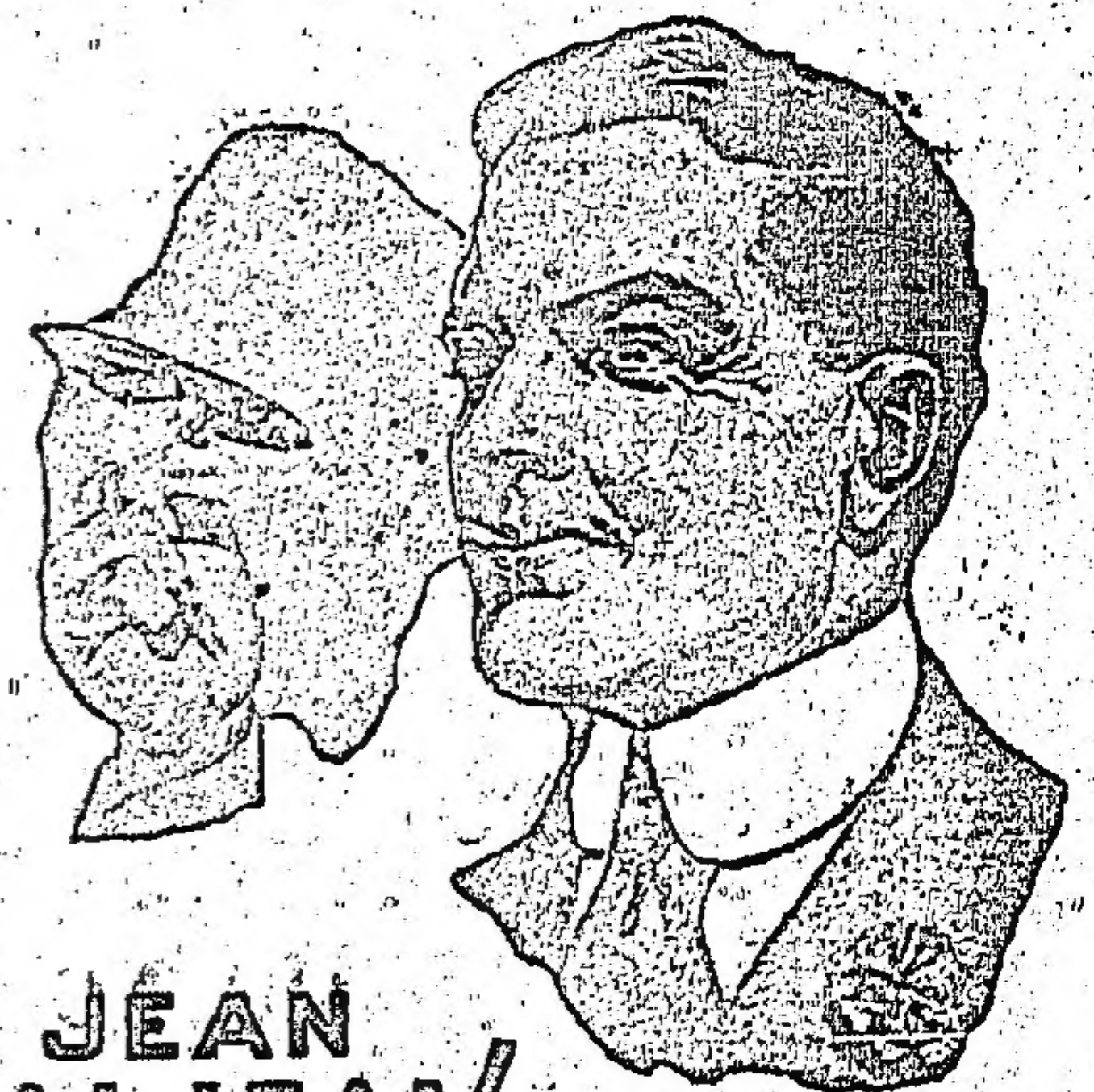
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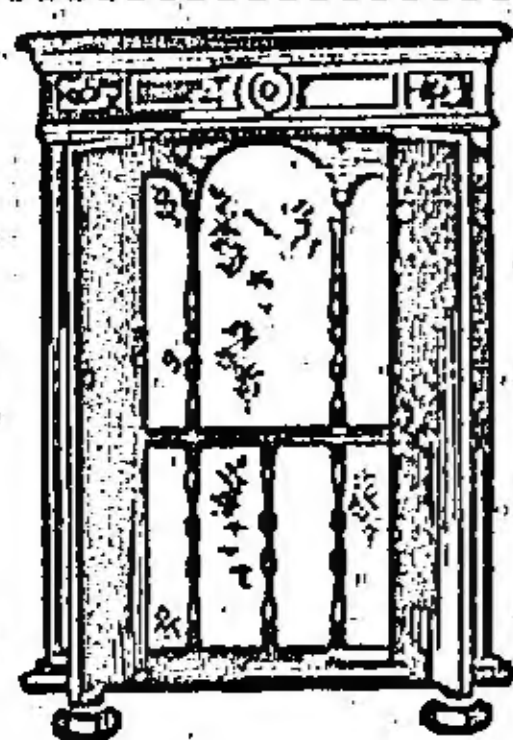
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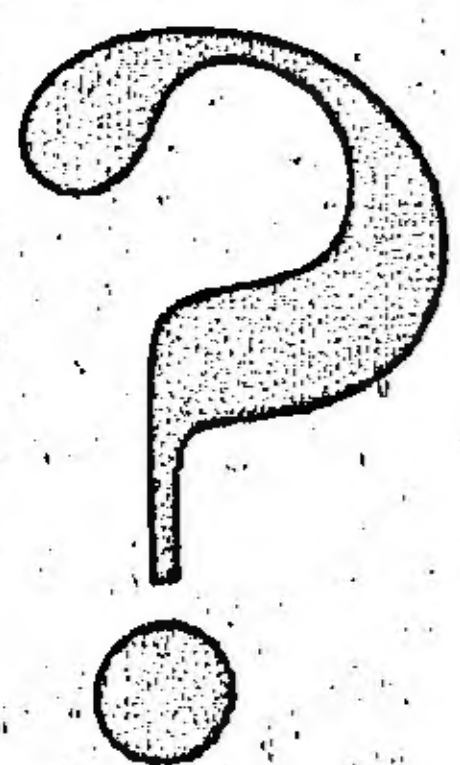
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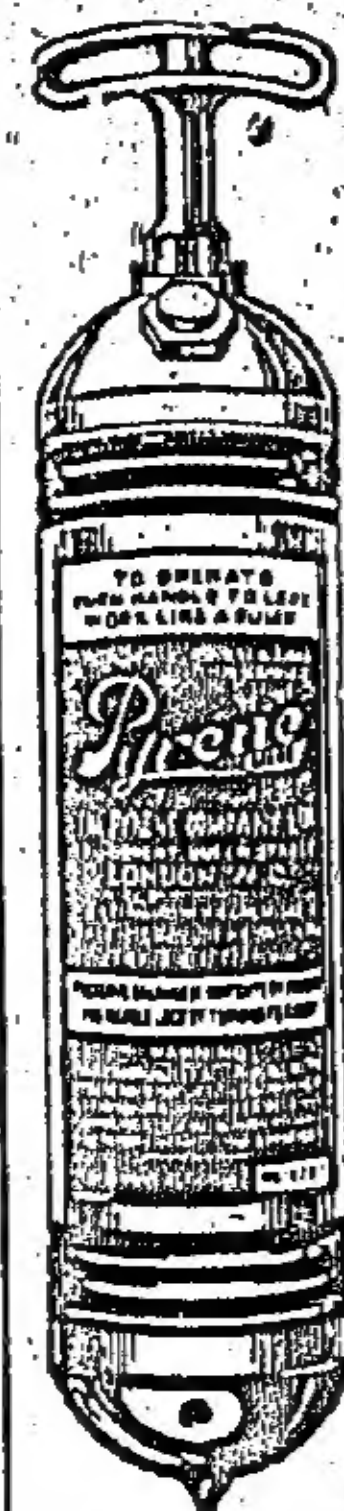
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DEATH.

ROZA.—At Kowloon, on 5th Janu-
ary, 1927, Mrs. Zephia Maria
da Roza. Deeply regretted.
Funeral will pass the Monu-
ment at 5.30 p.m. on the 6th
instant.

The Telegraph

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1927

THE HANKOW CRISIS.

All other news for us here
the Far East has been dwarfed
for the past two or three days by
the reports of really grave happen-
ings at Hankow—happenings so
serious that they might well have
great historic repercussions. What-
ever might be the eventual aim of
the Nationalist programme re-
garding the return to China of the
various foreign Concessions there
can be not the slightest excuse
for any attempt to regain those
Concessions by force or for in-
citements to mob violence so that
the lives of foreigners are so
gravely imperilled as to make
evacuation an immediate ex-
pedient. But it would seem that
China is slow to learn the lessons
of history, for there is now not the
slightest doubt that an organised
effort is being made to drive the
British out of Hankow—a proceed-
ing which can only result in a
contention of force, which is
least to be desired for the sake of
all concerned. We have had an-
other instance of lying Chinese
propaganda, similar to the lies
and distortions which were circu-
lated after the Shakes-Bund
affair in June, 1925. British
Marines did not kill or in any way
injure a single Chinese in the in-
cidents which took place on the
Hankow Bund on Monday last. On
the contrary, they displayed a cau-
tion and tolerance which has
been warmly tributed by all.
Yet the Chinese agitators of
Hankow have told stories of cruel
and wanton killing by the British
Marines and have telegraphed such
a fabrication all over the world.
The Government authorities
(according to a Reuter's message)
have been associated with indigna-
tion meetings called to "disarm
the British and to drive them from
the Concession" and this is surely
an outstanding instance of in-
discretion. If the Nationalist
Government does not know any
better than to think that the
restoration to China of the treaty
Concessions can be secured by
force, then it is pitifully equipped
with brains and will prove to be
not the saviour of its country but
the scourge.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the
British Labour Leader, said only

as recently, as Monday last that
"the old conditions of China have
imposed on us obligations which
must remain until we are relieved
of them by negotiation" and that
is a phrase pregnant with forces
at the present juncture. All the
Concessions are the outcome of
"old conditions"—conditions un-
der which it was not possible for
foreigners to stay in China and
conduct trade unless they had
places set specially apart. The
Concessions are legitimately theirs
to keep inviolate as sanctuaries of
safety and comfort, and anything
designed to rob them by force of
those sanctuaries is the act of an
enemy and also an act of war.
If and when any Concessions are
to be handed back to China (as
they must all be when other con-
ditions make such a proceeding
possible) they must be returned
as the result of formal negotia-
tions and agreements similar to
those by which they were original-
ly conceded. It would appear that
at Hankow the British forces were
withdrawn because matters had
gone to a point where to have lam-
ed Marines and asserted "full
rights" would have precipitated a
serious happening and endangered
civilian lives. The British Con-
cession has been left in the care of
Cantonese troops, and it is to be
hoped that the Chinese authorities
will take the earliest and every
possible step to bring about a set
of conditions in which there will
be no interference with British
privileges and liberties.

The sympathy of Britishers and
foreigners here will go out to
their fellow nationals in Hankow
in the trying times through which
they are passing, and also to the
British civil and naval officials on
whose conduct so much of great
importance depends. The patience
and forbearance shown hitherto
have been a testimony and an
earnest of Britain's desire to be
friendly.

Bias Bay Pirates.

The story of the piracy of the
Chinese-owned steamer Heng An,
which was published yesterday,
shows that the procedure followed
by the pirates closely resembled
that of previous affairs in which
steamers have been seized by out-
laws travelling as passengers and
the vessels taken to Bias Bay. In
the Canton report of the affair, no
mention was made of the fact that
the boat was taken to this notori-
ous neighbourhood, but the point
is now fully established. As we
stated yesterday, this is the first
incident of its kind since the Sun-
ning piracy, and it goes to prove
beyond any question that the
promised suppression of the Bias
Bay bandits has not been effected.
As we well know, Hongkong was
quite willing to co-operate with
the Canton authorities in this
work, and matters even went so
far as the visit of two Hongkong
officials to Canton to discuss
possible plans of campaign. Un-
happily, the Canton officials did
not care for the idea of co-opera-
tion, preferring that the expedi-
tion be undertaken by Chinese
troops. There could, of course, be
no objection to that attitude,
providing there was an assurance
that the job would be properly
tackled. It would now appear,
however, that little, if anything,
has been done to rout out the
pirates, and that such military
movements as have taken place
have been aimed rather at the
"independent" General there than
at the bandits. This failure to
clear out the pirate hordes from
the notorious region is to be
much regretted, as Chinese as well
as foreigners have greatly suffer-
ed from their activities. Moreover,
a strong move by Canton would
have been regarded as evidence of
a determination to maintain law
and order in the localities sup-
posedly under its control.

Coupons due on December 1 of
the Chinese Imperial Railway Five
per cent. Gold Loan (Shanghai
Nanking Railway), and Imperial
Chinese Government Five per cent.
Shanghai Hangchow Ningpo Rail-
way Loan were paid on that date
by the Hong Kong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation.

DAY BY DAY.

THE EXPECTATIONS OF LIFE DE-
PEND UPON DILIGENCE; AND THE
MECHANIC THAT WOULD PERFECT HIS
WORK, MUST FIRST SHARPEN HIS
TOOLS.—Confucius.

"Musical Jottings," by "Allegro,"
will appear next Thursday.

Yesterday's health return shows
two cases of diphtheria and one of
typhoid fever, all being Chinese.

The Observatory's weather fore-
cast up to noon to-morrow is:—
East or variable winds, light; fine.

On and after Saturday, the wa-
ter supply in the rider main dis-
tricts west of Garden Road will
be restricted to two hours daily.

Mr. Harold Dollar, left by the
Empress of Asia on his return to
Shanghai at noon to-day, after a
brief stay in Hongkong, where he
was engaged on business.

December was an extremely dry
month, for, according to the re-
cords of the Botanical Gardens
there was only 0.16-inch of rain,
this being spread over five days.

A car, driven by Mr. Nissim,
knocked down and injured a
Chinese woman in Queen's Road
East yesterday. She was taken to
the Government Civil Hospital.

Amongst the passengers who
left by the Empress of Asia to-
day were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gel-
dard, Mrs. T. R. Percy, Mr. R. M.
Austin and Mr. E. F. Townsend.

Anti-rabic treatment is being
administered to a Chinese at the
Government Civil Hospital, who
was sent from Tai O yesterday
after having been bitten by a dog.

Much sympathy will be felt for
Mr. C. A. da Roza in the death of
his mother, a well-known and
highly respected resident who has
resided for many years in the
Colony.

Passengers arriving by the Blue
Funnel liner Sarpedon to-day in-
cluded Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bailey,
Mr. J. H. Underwood, Mr. T. O.
Lammert, and Mr. R. A. Mills.
Lady Jane Gray was a passenger
by the same boat.

A case of suicide is believed
to have been revealed by the dis-
covery, at Castle Peak, of the body
of a Chinese with his throat cut
open. The deceased has been
identified as being a broker named
Lo Yuen-pang, who lived at No.
467, Shanghai Street, Yaumati.

There was considerable move-
ment of shipping during the
twenty-four hours ending at 9
a.m. to-day. Nineteen vessels
arrived and thirteen departed, the
number of vessels in Harbour
this morning being 68. Seven Brit-
ish ships arrived and three de-
parted.

A banquet in honour to pro-
minent military leaders in Canton
was given at the Russian Club in
Tungshan last Sunday evening.
General Li Chai-sum, General Li
Fuk-lum and the chiefs of various
military departments were
present. A Russian dinner was
served and Russian songs given.

A tram collector was charged
before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to-day
with tendering false silver change
to a passenger, the charge being
in respect of three counterfeit 6-
cent pieces and twelve 10-cent
pieces which were alleged to have
been kept in the defendant's money
satchel. The case was adjourned.

A hawk, charged with lacking
a licence, said in reply to evidence
given by a Chinese constable that
he was running after some truck
coolies to return some fish which
had been dropped on the roadway
from their vehicle. His story was
not believed, and a fine of \$3 was
inflicted by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this
morning.

The many friends of Divisional
Inspector Peter Grant, of the
Hongkong Police, will extend
sincere sympathies to him on the
death of his father, Mr. John
Grant, at Pellywick Brnes, Glen-
livet. The late Mr. Grant, who
was 83 years of age, was formerly
farm manager, at Mimore Distil-
lery, Banffshire.

The latest river boats to restate
their old crews are the two vessels
of the See Yap Steamship Com-
pany. On Tuesday night, 110 of
these men arrived from Canton,
and the Tai Let, which left yester-
day, for Kowloon, carries a full
complement. The On Lee leaves
to-morrow with a similar crew. It
is learned that negotiations are
proceeding with a view to similar
reinstatement on the West River
boats.

CHILDREN'S PARTY.

FANCY DRESS DANCE AT
KOWLOON.

Between eighty and ninety pupils
of the Kowloon Central British
School had an enjoyable time at the
school last evening, when the an-
nual fancy dress Christmas dance
and party were held in the hall.
There were many parents, friends,
and former pupils present, includ-
ing Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of
Education, Mr. E. Ralphs, the Rev.
J. H. Johnston, and Mrs. B. Wylie.

Generally speaking the display of
fancy dresses was remarkably
good, the dancers showing taste and
effectiveness, and the judges, Mrs.
Joseph and Mrs. Bennett, were con-
fronted with a difficult task in de-
ciding who should be given the
prizes for the best costumes.
Eventually they decided the winners
as follows:

Girls:—1, M. Bryson, (Toy
soldier); 2, M. George, (well-pres-
sed).

Boys:—1, G. Arnold, (Russian
nobleman); 2, H. Brown, (super-
stitions); special prize, V.
Leokovich.

Mr. G. F. Nightingale, the Head-
master, introduced Mrs. B. Wylie,
who distributed the prizes, after
which he thanked her for accepting
their invitation to attend. He also
expressed thanks to Mr. and Mrs.
Joseph, and Mrs. Bennett for pro-
viding special prizes, to Mrs. George
and Miss M. George, who had so
kindly taken charge of the refresh-
ments, and to Mr. George Bond,
for officiating at the piano.

Three cheers were given for the
Headmaster, after which the re-
mainder of the evening was given
up to dancing.

WORLD CRUISE.

"EMPRESS" DUE HERE NEXT
MONTH.

The Empress of Scotland, flag-
ship of the Canadian Pacific fleet,
sailed from New York on Decem-
ber 2nd on her second round-the-
world cruise, lasting 132 days. She
is due at Hongkong on February
10th. The Empress, which is of
25,000 tons gross register, carried
480 passengers, and will call at 26
ports in 20 countries. The first
ports out of New York will be Fun-
chal, Madeira; then Gibraltar,
Algiers, Monaco, Naples, Halfa,
Port Said, Suez, Bombay, Colombo,
Padang, Batavia, Singapore,
Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai, Pe-
king, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu,
Hilo, San Francisco, Balboa,
Cristobal and Havana will be vis-
ited, and the Empress will return to
New York on April 12.

The Round-the-World Golf Club
will again travel on the Empress of
Scotland, and play on the courses of
the different countries visited.
There will be about 20 in this club,
and invitations from golf clubs in
the ports visited have been extended
to them.

Among the prominent passengers
were Prince and Princess Pignatelli
of Madison, Conn.; Lady E. Maria
Roberts, of London; Mrs. Oscar
Strauss, of New York, wife of the
former Ambassador to Turkey; Mr.
and Mrs. George H. Walbridge, of
New York; and Dr. and Mrs. W. D.
McKim, of Washington, D. C. Mr.
Walbridge is head of several
western light and power companies,
and director of the J. G. White
Engineering Corporation of New
York. Dr. McKim is a noted
physician and author, and is a
member of the New York Academy
of Medicine.

A picturesque figure on board is
73-year-old John Shea, retired tug-
boat captain, who is leaving his
beloved Lake Superior for a time
to survey the oceans of the world.

ASTOR HOUSE BUILDING.

ITS FUTURE USE UNCERTAIN.

As the result of enquiries as to
the disposition of the Astor House
Hotel building now that it has passed
into the possession of the Ho
Hong Bank interests, we are in-
formed that no ambitious building
project is being contemplated just
yet, but that, if possible, repair
work will be put in hand in regard
to that portion of the building
where a slight subsidence of the
verandah has occurred, necessitat-
ing shoring being put up.
Otherwise the building, which is
less than 30 years old, is quite
sound throughout, and its use as
an hotel establishment is not im-
paired. There have been, we un-
derstand, a number of enquiries in
this direction, but no definite de-
cision can be reached until the re-
pair plans which have now been
prepared and submitted by archi-
tects, have been approved by the
Public Works Department.

TO-DAY

Jollan demand 1/11 7/16
lighting-up 5.53 p.m.

The Very Idea!

A new and radical form of piano
technique is being introduced to
the musical world by Henry
Cowell, 29-year-old California
composer and pianist—the elbow
forte. Cowell, who claims entire
credit for the innovation, has
devised a technique which utilizes
the elbow, forearm and palm, as
well as the fingers, in his piano
playing.

It is possible to strike 48 keys
simultaneously by utilizing the
"sensitized elbow" according to
the musician, who has astonished
critics in Europe and America by
his new technique in tonal effects.
In playing via the new technique
Cowell wears buttonless sleeves.
His discovery, he said, was the
result of 10 years of practice and
experimentation.

He loved to slide down shiny
boards.
And often took a chance.
The times he had were rip-
pling. He
Can prove it by his pants.

Wife: "Forgive me for asking,
dear, but father says you can't
meet your creditors."

Husband: "It is false, dearest.
I meet them every day."
"Bless you, dear! I know it
wasn't true."

A New York theatre is handing
each person that arrives after the
show has started a brief synopsis
of the first act so that they can
pick up the trend of the show.
Such a synopsis would be useful
to some Hongkong audiences.

During an examination in Eng-
lish, the candidates were asked to
write a short paragraph contain-
ing the words, "Calm, collected,
crossing, and consternation."

One bright lad submitted the
following:
"The absent-minded professor
had almost congratulated himself
on crossing the busy thoroughfare
in safety when, to his consterna-
tion, he saw a stream of traffic
bearing down upon him. With
great presence of mind he stood
quite calm. The traffic passed on
and he was collected."

G. V. Laman, a farmer near
Portis, Kansas, has found the
secret for keeping contented farm
hands and taking the dreariness
out of farm work.

In a letter to the *Hasting
Tribune*, Laman expressed his
thanks to the paper for broadcast-
ing the world series and other
sports events over radio station
KFKX. Placing his radio set and
a loud speaker in the hay field,
Laman and his farm hands stack-
ed hay while listening to the play-
by-play description of the games.
"We stacked more hay each day
this year than ever before,"
Laman wrote.

Once upon a time a school
teacher asked her class what
Henry VIII did to Anne Boleyn,
and the bright child made answer,
"Please, teacher, he ironed on
her." When teacher, puzzled,
begged for further knowledge, the
bright child opened her history to
triumphantly point to the
sentence, "Henry VIII then pres-
sed his suit upon Anne Boleyn."

When Napoleon once contem-
plated a highly militaristic visit to
England, he little realized that
his hope of an invasion would help
relieve the housing situation in
England.

The War Office has announced
that one of the ancient coastal
defense fortifications, consisting
of a small house with walls six
feet thick and with gun emplace-
ments on the top, is for sale.
Several similar fortifications dot
the coasts of southeastern Eng-
land. At present their only
occupants are knights of the road,
who frequently repose in them.

It is now the contention of the
movies that criminologists make
the best scenario writers.

"This may sound formidable to
the average person," declares Tod
Browning, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
director, "but criminology is a
study of man. The most humane
men of my acquaintance are noted
detectives and criminologists.
They have learned to fathom the
minds and motives of the human
race, an ability which every good
scenario writer must have. The
resemblance of the screen consists
of the portrayal of authentic mental
reactions. The scenario writer
who can set them down on paper
has the mind of criminologists." Browning is noted for his direc-
tion of such crook stories as "The
Unholy Three" and "The Black-
bird."

BANKNOTE CASE.**MORE ARGUMENT ON APPEAL.****MR. POTTER'S SUBMISSIONS.**

The appeal against a judgment of Mr. Justice Wood, who held that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank were liable to pay a \$500 note from which the numbers and date were missing, was continued in the Supreme Court this morning in Appellate Jurisdiction, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood. Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., is for the appellant, whilst the respondent, a Chinese woman, is represented by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy.

Dealing with the question of a material alteration, Mr. Potter said it was not a question of anyone being misled, or a question of changing a document from one thing to another, but if it was a business document and something outside a contract, then it was a material alteration if it affected the purpose for which the instrument was created. He supported every word of the Master of the Rolls, when he said the alteration of a material word was sufficient.

NUMBER MATERIAL.

Referring to Mr. Justice Wood's judgment, Mr. Potter said he had found that the number of a banknote was a material part, and once it was conceded that the number was a material part, then the law was clearly laid down, that an alteration to such a number was a material alteration; and he submitted that if their Lordships found that the erasure was a material alteration, then judgment should be for the Bank.

One of the points they had to decide was whether the parts which were missing from the note were material. If the Court said "Yes," then he would submit that it did not matter whether it was done accidentally or intentionally, although in the case under consideration they had the human agency and the finding, on Mr. Justice Wood's part, of negligence. Mr. Potter then quoted from a case supporting his contention that where one had a negotiable instrument or guarantee the duty was upon the holder to preserve it intact—that was, to preserve it intact in a material way.

Referring to Section 64 of the Ordinance, dealing with alterations, the Chief Justice said the Section contained the words "assent of both parties liable on the bill." Would it be possible to argue, he asked, that an accidental alteration, not being one to which the assent of the parties could be given, was not within the provision of those words?

ACCIDENTAL ALTERATION.

Mr. Potter replied that his answer would be no. What his Lordship had put to him was, in more crude language, that it could be accidental. The words "Without the assent of all parties," he contended, were the preservation of the old Common Law rule. He submitted that the words were merely put in as one of the matters which the plaintiff must prove. The plaintiff had in fact proved it in the case under consideration, and explained the alteration to the note.

Continuing, Mr. Potter said a test for a banknote case was—"Is the number a material part of the document?"

The Chief Justice—And once you have done that there is no more.

Mr. Potter: Not in this case, My Lord; the date.

The Chief Justice—Assuming the alteration is material, then in a sense your case proves itself?

Mr. Potter—Absolutely, My Lord. If the unfortunate person or the other side is precluded from recovering on the note itself, then she can recover on the original consideration.

The Chief Justice remarked that he did not think that would help the respondent greatly in that case.

HYPOTHETICAL CASE.

Taking Mr. Potter up on another point, the Chief Justice said that assuming a rat ate its way into a desk where a note was locked up, and ate away the numbers and the date, would Mr. Potter say, although there was no negligence, and although the holder had done everything he could, to keep the note safe, that the document was materially altered without the assent of all parties, and that therefore, under no circum-

ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.**THE DEPARTURE FROM ENGLAND.**

Rugby, Jan. 5. The Duke and Duchess of York leave London to-morrow morning for Portsmouth where their Royal Highnesses will embark in the battle-cruiser H.M.S. Renown for their Australian tour. The King and Queen and other members of the Royal Family, the Premier and other Ministers, will be present at Victoria Station to bid them farewell. The Prince of Wales and Prince Henry and Prince George will accompany them to Portsmouth. When the Duke and Duchess go aboard the Renown, the Duke's standard will be hoisted on the mainmast of the warship and other warships in harbour will fire a Royal salute of 21 guns. The Renown will be escorted out to sea by four destroyers, and five flying-boats will accompany her around the Isle of Wight.

The primary object of the Duke's visit to Australia is to open, on behalf of the King, the new Federal Parliament Buildings at Canberra, which will be the Capital of the Commonwealth. The Duke and Duchess will pay visits to all the chief towns of Australia and New Zealand. They are going out westward, reaching the Pacific by way of the Panama Canal and are returning by way of the Suez Canal. The tour will occupy six months, and it is officially announced that during the absence of the Duke and Duchess, their baby, Princess Elizabeth, will remain with her Majesty the Queen.

The Duke has received the following message from the Governor General of Australia: "Line Government and people of the Commonwealth eagerly await your coming and are looking forward to the opportunity of according you a loyal and affectionate welcome."

The Duke has replied: "The Duchess and I cordially thank the Government and people of the Commonwealth of Australia for their message, which we deeply appreciate. We are keenly looking forward to our visit to your great country, Albert."—*British Wireless.*

TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONY.**GREAT EXCITEMENT IN NEW YORK.**

New York, Jan. 5. There is great excitement over the inauguration of the trans-Atlantic wireless telephone service on January 7, and hundreds of written applications for calls have already been received, but the American Telegraph and Telephone Company state that only bookings made over the telephone will be accepted.

Officials say that the privacy of conversation cannot be guaranteed at present.—*Reuter's American Service.*

stances, the Bank could say "We won't pay this" and decline any responsibility? No case, added the Chief Justice, had gone as far as that.

Mr. Potter replied that in the case under consideration the alteration, obliteration, or whatever it might be, was in fact caused by negligence while in the actual custody of the holder.

The Chief Justice remarked that Mr. Potter said under the words of Section 64, as he had just put it, the Bank would "be able to say they had not produced a document in a certain form, which meant it was not recognisable as a numbered note, and therefore they would be justified in refusing to pay."

Mr. Potter agreed that he was prepared to say that, and went on to quote authorities on the subject.

Later, the Chief Justice remarked that the hypothetical rat case might be extreme, and Mr. Potter replied that it was a good test for a case. Although it was not necessary for him to go as far as that case went, he expressed himself as ready to go as far, if necessary, and contended that he was supported by authorities. Quoting from authorities, Mr. Potter referred to one in which it was held that a material alteration must void a document.

The case is proceeding.

RICE EXPORTS.**NEW REGULATIONS IN CANTON.****CONFISCATION RULES.**

New regulations, designed to check the smuggling of cereals out of Kwangtung, without payment of export tax, have been drafted by the Ministry of Finance and passed by the Central Political Council in Canton.

The chiefs of the various inspection bureaux, to be established, have been appointed. Tao Shao-pin will serve at Canton, Wu Ying-shu at Kowloon, Lu Luh-shang at Swatow, Ku Yen-san at Tsengshing, Huang I-chi at Sheki and Sze-to-Yao at Chanchuen. Detailed regulations have been issued as follows:

LIMIT FIXED.

A limit of 10,000 piculs is placed on the shipment of rice from Kwangtung.

Before cereals are allowed to be exported, the number of bags and the destination must be declared at the Ministry and transit certificates secured. Unless shipments are accompanied by certificates, the goods will be treated as smuggled goods.

There will be a charge of one dollar, silver, for each picul.

These certificates must be produced at likin stations and be checked. No trouble is to be given the shipper at the likin stations.

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Confiscated goods will be put up for sale and the sum realised together with fines, will be held by the Ministry. A reward will be given to agents connected with the seizure of goods.

Inspection bureaux will be established at the various seaports, with specially appointed deputies to look after inspection and to withdraw certificates after their cancellation.

A fifty per cent. reward will be given to the inspection bureau on smuggled goods seized. Twenty-five per cent. of this will go to the man who made the report that led to the confiscation.

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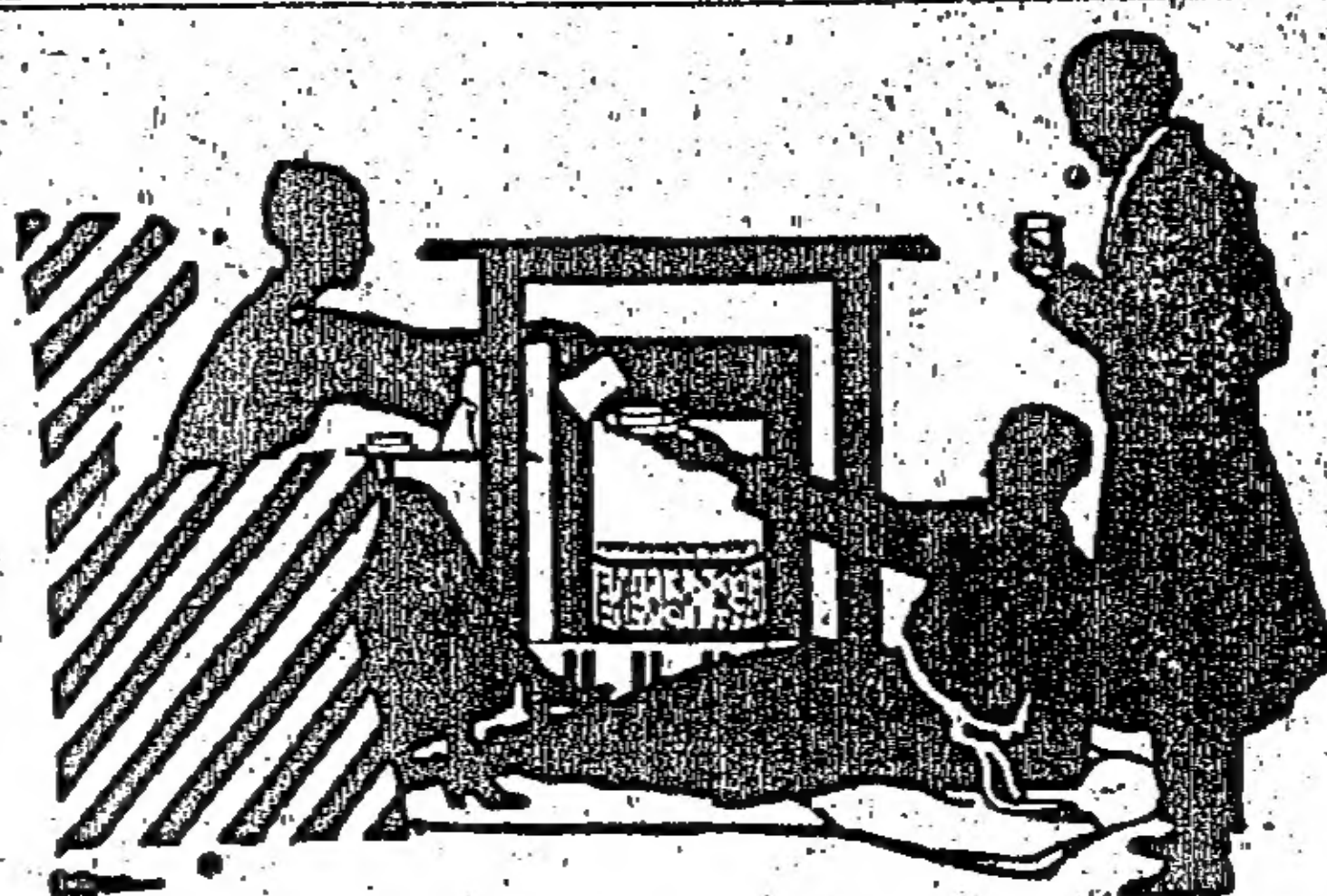
The Ministry of Finance, in addition to issuing a notification for the prohibition of the smuggling of untaxed cigarettes and foreign wine from Shamen, has also given strict orders to the chief of the Preventive Service to post detectives near the Eastern and Western Bridge of Shamen, and the creek around the island for the arrest of persons engaged in smuggling cigarettes and wine to the city without first paying the legal duty.

Since the resumption of communications between Canton and Shamen, says the *Canton Gazette*, smugglers from Shamen have brought in large quantities of cigarettes and liquor, without having Revenue Stamps affixed thereon, for sale in the vicinity of Shaken Road, a gang is said to have been formed to carry on the illicit traffic in smuggled goods on an extensive scale. It is estimated that the Government is thereby defrauded of a large amount of revenue monthly.

COTTON PROBLEMS.**MANCHESTER'S NEW SCHEME CONDEMNED.**

London, Jan. 5. Manchester cotton circles are eagerly discussing the scheme for a new Cotton Yarn Association.

Sir Charles Macara has said that he is surprised that the cotton trade was obliged to summon a London economist to tell them what to do, and he is of opinion that no scheme is likely to succeed unless the claims of the Co-operatives are respected. He advocates a moratorium for the cotton trade to save a "colossal disaster."—*Reuter.*



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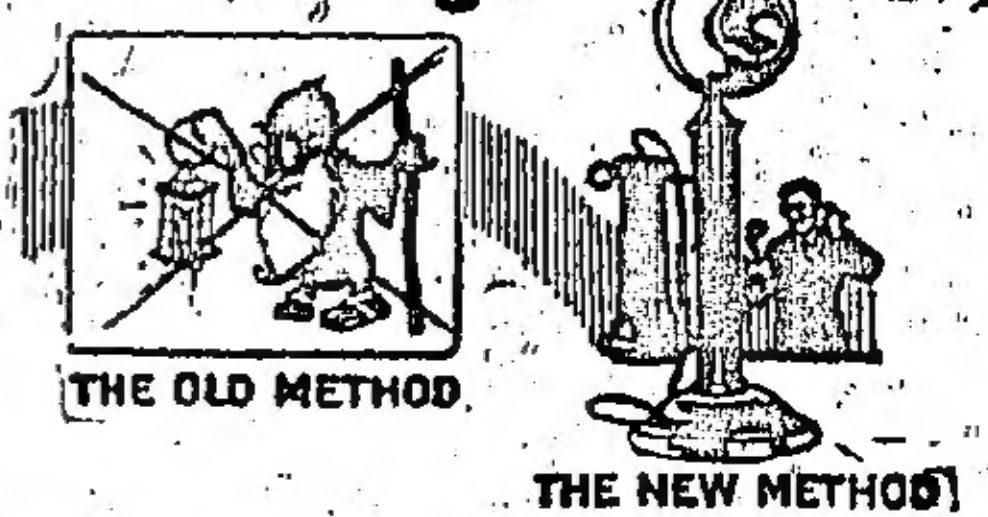
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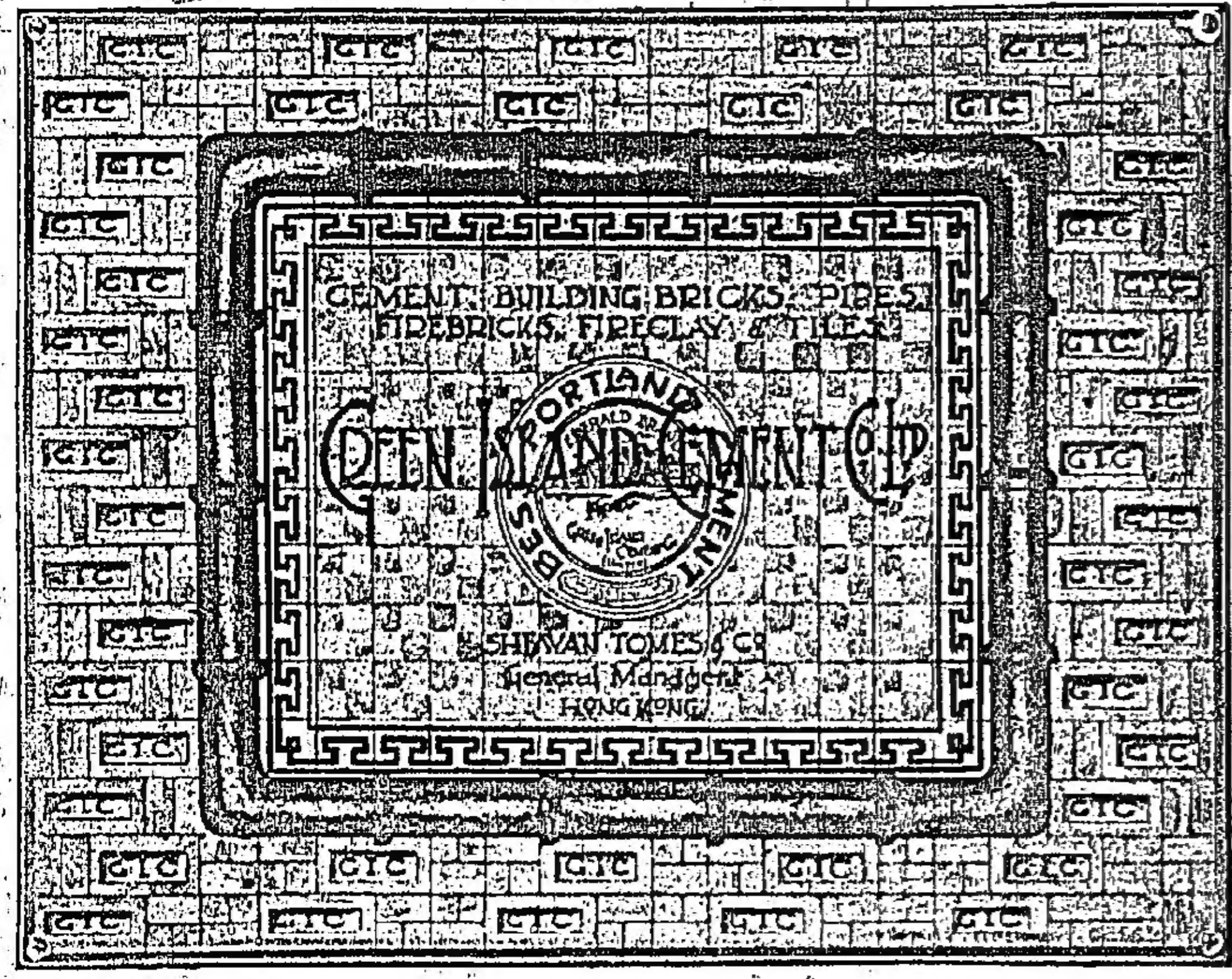
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WANHSIEN INCIDENT.

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confined in the latter ship. Immediately Chinese soldiers under cover in the Wanhsien opened fire upon the rescue party. This was at 6.30 p.m. Directly the first shots were fired, the Kiawo, H.M.S. Cockchafer and H.M.S. Widgcon all came under a heavy rifle, machine-gun and field-gun fire from entrenched positions on shore, and also from the soldiers on the S.S. Wanhsien.

His Majesty's gunboats at first returned the fire from the two ships only, to facilitate the rescue of the imprisoned officers. As, however, a heavy and continuous fire was directed upon them from soldiers in houses and streets in the city, and from entrenched positions on both sides of the river, the fire was eventually returned, and some field-guns were silenced and certain attacking positions were set on fire or destroyed.

At about 7.15 p.m., the Kiawo, having effected the rescue of the officers on board the S.S. Wanhsien in spite of heavy losses, proceeded under the stern of the S.S. Wanhsien. The Captain of this vessel, with the Chief Officer and the Chief Engineer, had climbed over the stern rail and had taken refuge on the rubbing strake, whence the two latter attempted to swim to the French gunboat, Doudart de Lagree. The Chief Officer reached this vessel, but the Chief Engineer was either drowned or shot in the water. His body has not been found.

The Kiawo took off the Captain, and as the primary object of the operation was then accomplished, and any further attempt to release the vessels would only have led to further bloodshed, the Kiawo stood down river, at 7.25 p.m., followed at intervals of ten minutes by H.M.S. Widgcon and H.M.S. Cockchafer. All these ships were heavily fired upon from both river banks below the town.

The Casualties.

The British casualties were, on the Kiawo three officers and four men killed and one officer and seven men wounded; on H.M.S. Cockchafer, one officer and five men wounded.

It was originally stated, from local official Chinese sources during the last week in September, that the Chinese losses were about 200 soldiers and 100 civilians killed, and these figures were repeated when His Majesty's Consul at Ichang inspected the damage to the town with General Yang-sen's Secretary and a member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce on 4th of October. The subsequent publication of largely inflated figures is therefore clearly a falsification of facts.

On September 7th, General Lu Chin-shan, who was in command at Ichang, offered to negotiate between General Yang Sen and His Majesty's Consul at that place, and it was decided that the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Chung-king, Dr. Ki, should come to Ichang, at which place he arrived on 16th September.

In the meantime, on 12th September, General Lu Chin-shan informed His Majesty's Consul that General Yang was willing to hand back the two steamers, but earnestly requested that gunboats should not proceed up river until the conclusion of negotiations. After some discussion to facilitate a peaceful settlement of the incident, it was on 17th September, conceded that the steamers should be delivered up at Ichang through a non-British intermediary, pilots and crew being provided by General Yang-sen.

It was agreed upon by both parties that the intermediary should be Mr. Lancing Hoyt, an American, of the Yangtze Rapids Steamship Co., and he, in company with Dr. Ki, left for Wanhsien on 20th September. After some discussion there, during which the Chinese officials stated the casualties at the figure to which reference has already been made, he took charge of the two ships and returned to Ichang, at which place they were both handed over to the British Consul, the S.S. Wanhsien on the 26th September and S.S. Wanhsien on 28th September.

His Majesty's Consul proceeded up river in the Kiawo on 30th September, and exchanged visits with Yang-sen on the 2nd and 5th of October, and thence went to Chungking to take charge of negotiations on outstanding points for settlement.

From the above account of the "Wanhsien Incident" the following points emerge clearly: Not a shot was fired by the British until the soldiers concealed in S.S. Wanhsien. Nor did His Majesty's gunboats fire on the troops on land until these gunboats had themselves been subjected for some time to a heavy fusillade from the positions on shore. And, finally, it is at no time even claimed by the Chinese authorities that there was any cause of complaint whatever against the two ships which were seized, or their officers who were forcibly detained. On the contrary, it is plain that the whole incident was provoked by Chinese troops and their leaders.

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GOVERNMENT STATEMENT EXPECTED.

Washington, Jan. 5.

Mr. Porter, Chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee has introduced a resolution requesting President Coolidge to negotiate with China independently of the other nations for the adjustment of extraterritoriality, tariff autonomy and other controversial matters.

Mr. Kellogg has apparently not yet decided whether to suspend his statement on American policy toward China until the arrival of the American Minister from China or to depend on telegraphic communications with him before preparing a memorandum which will be in reply to the British document.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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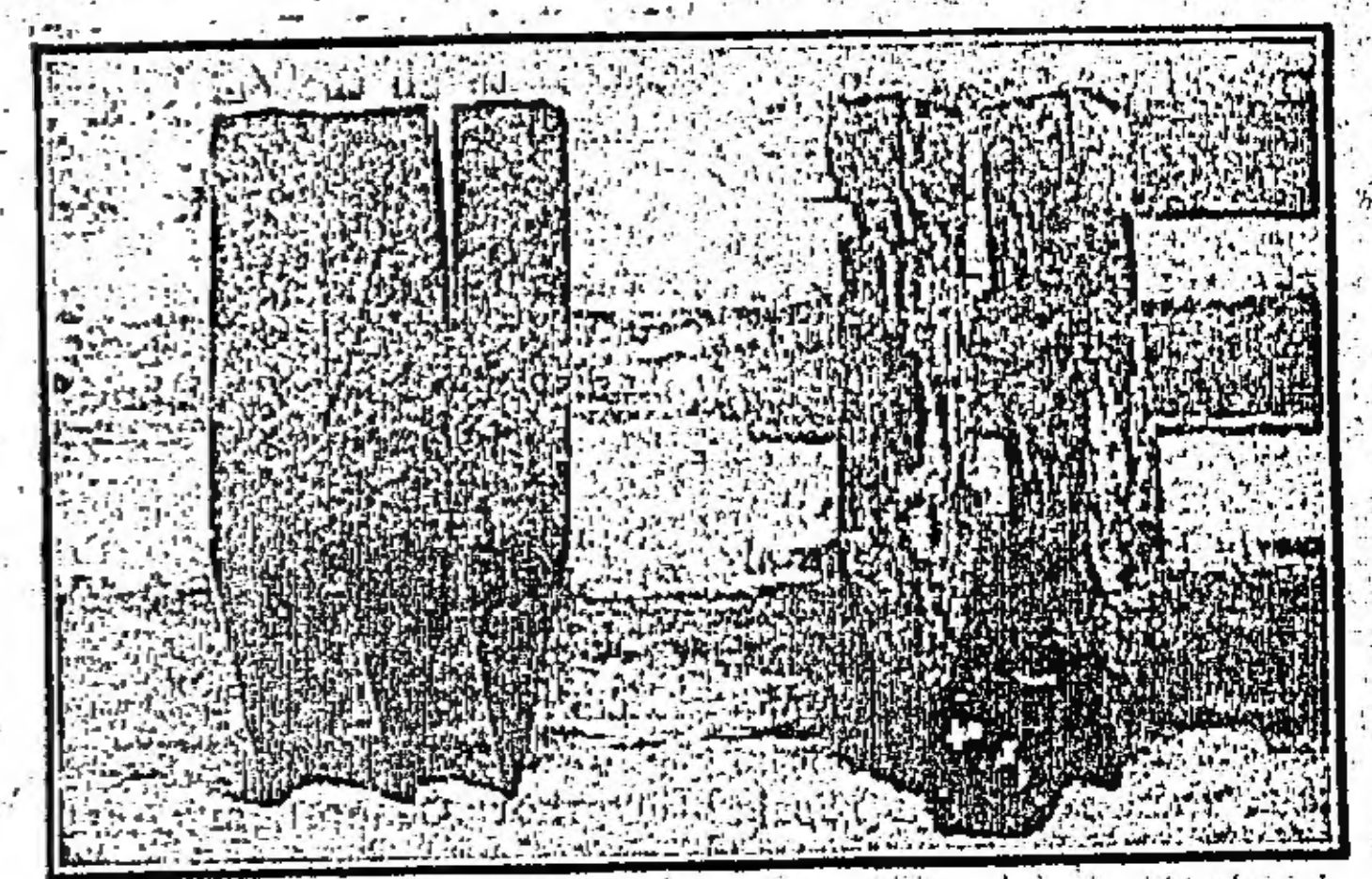
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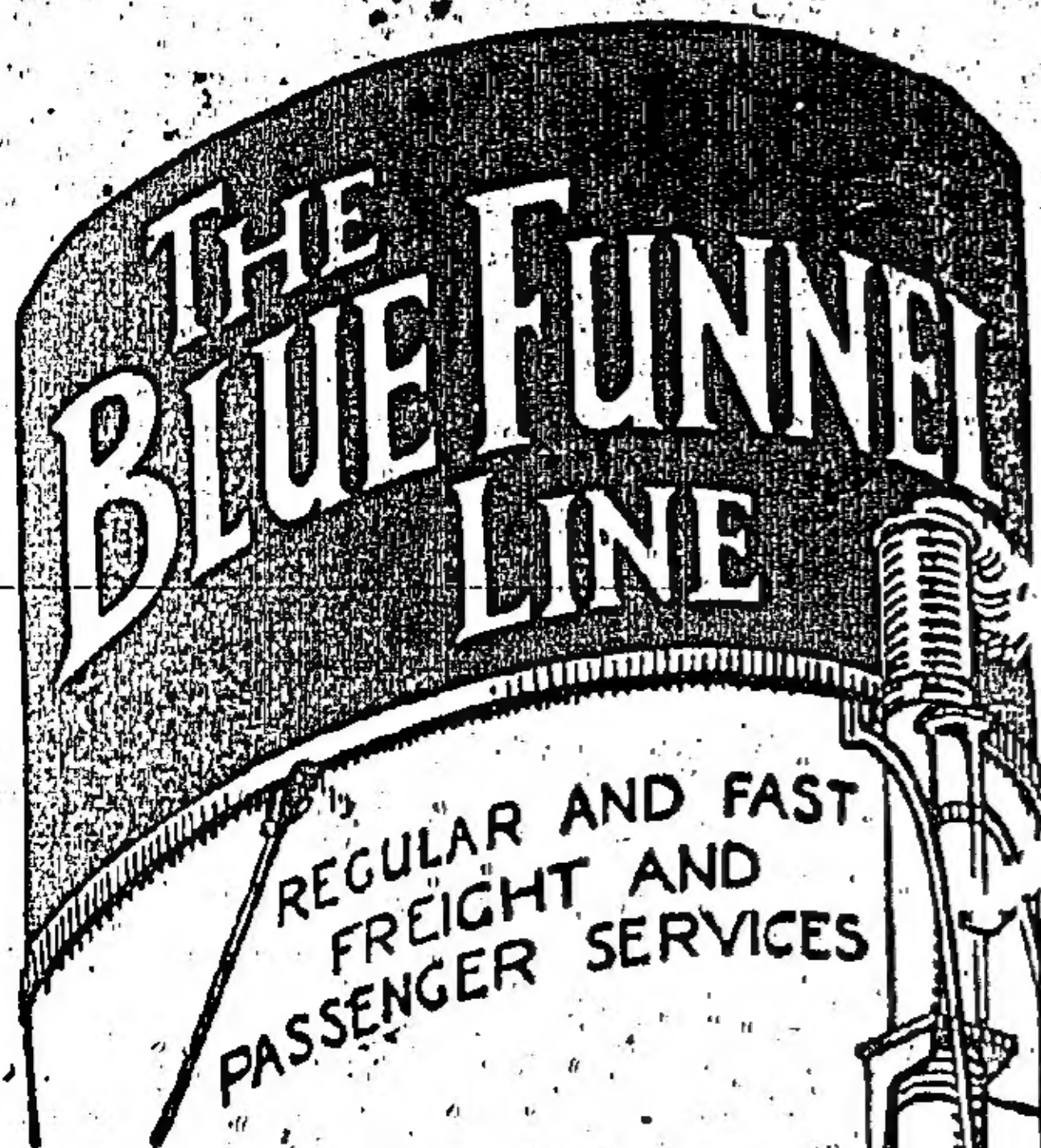
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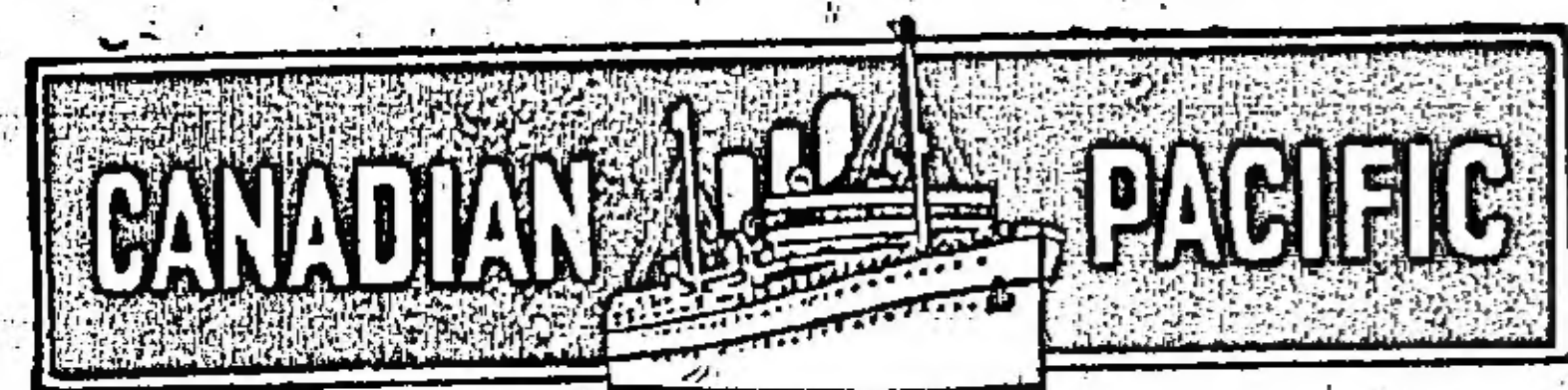
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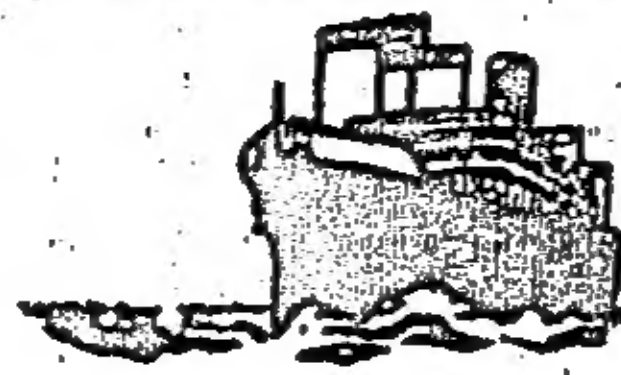
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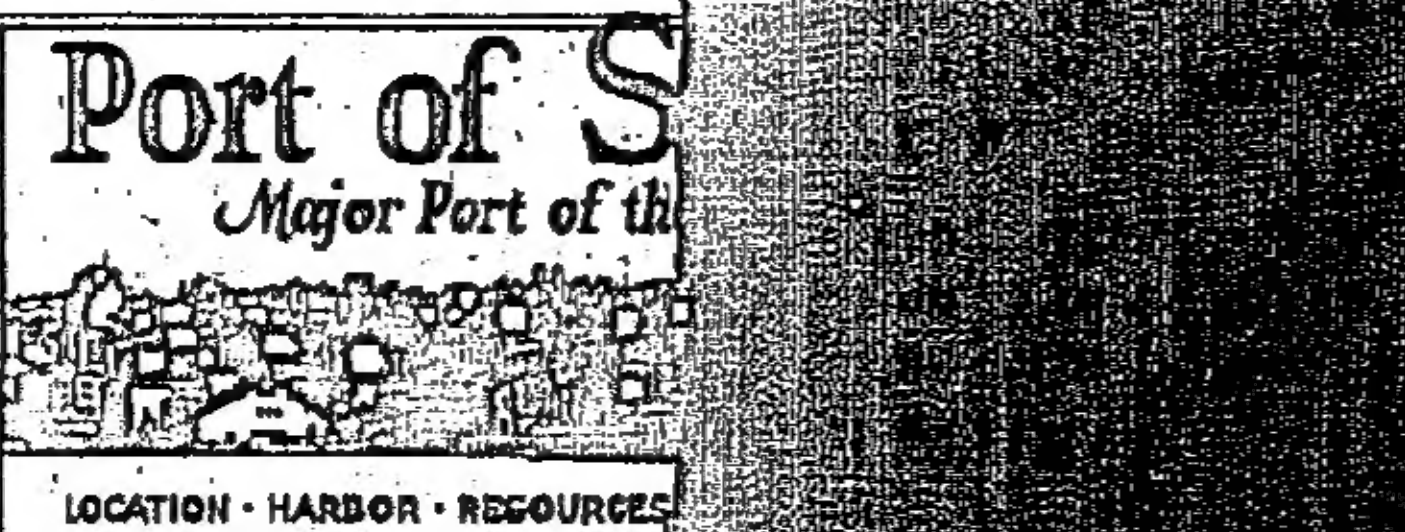
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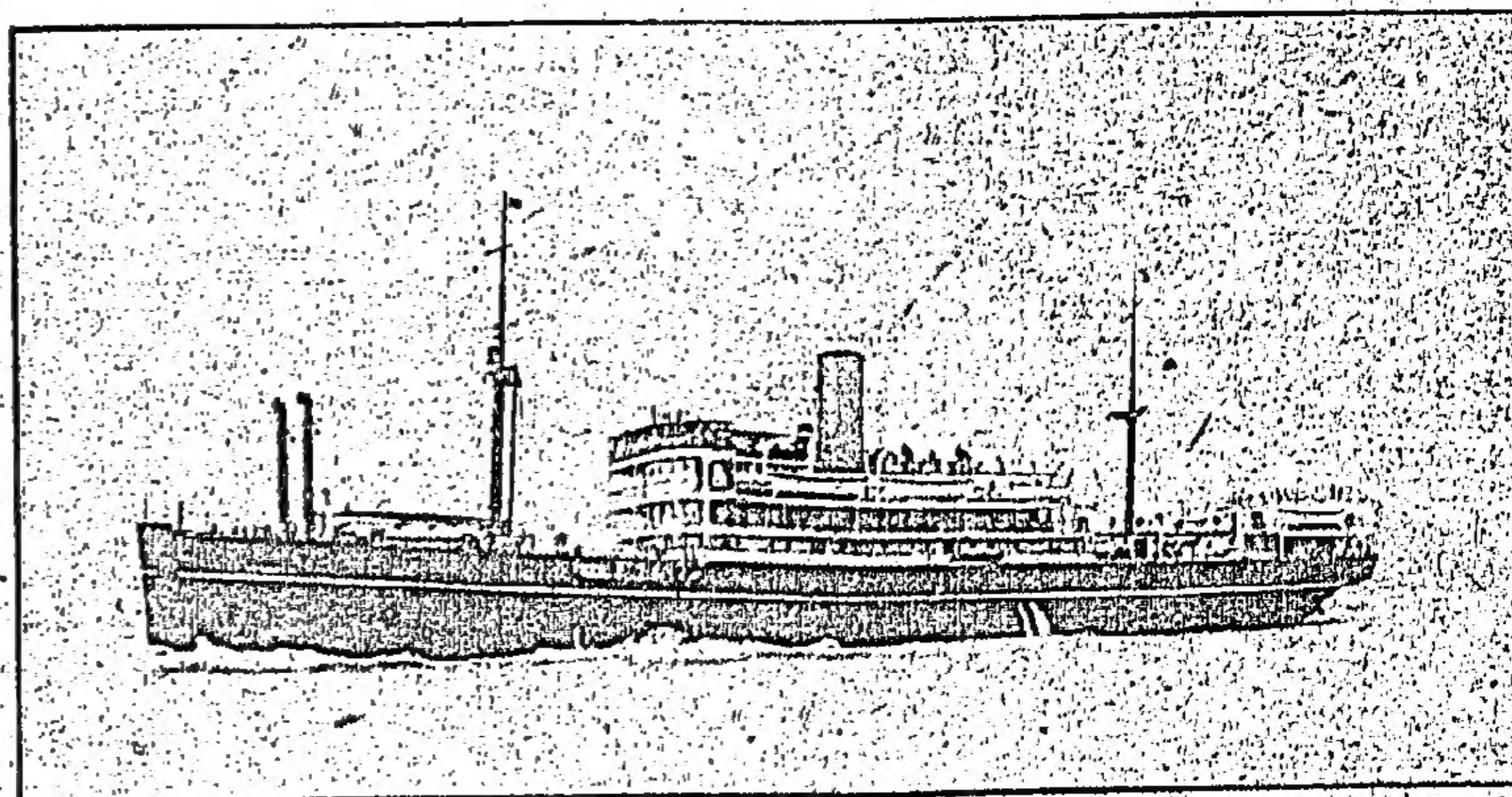
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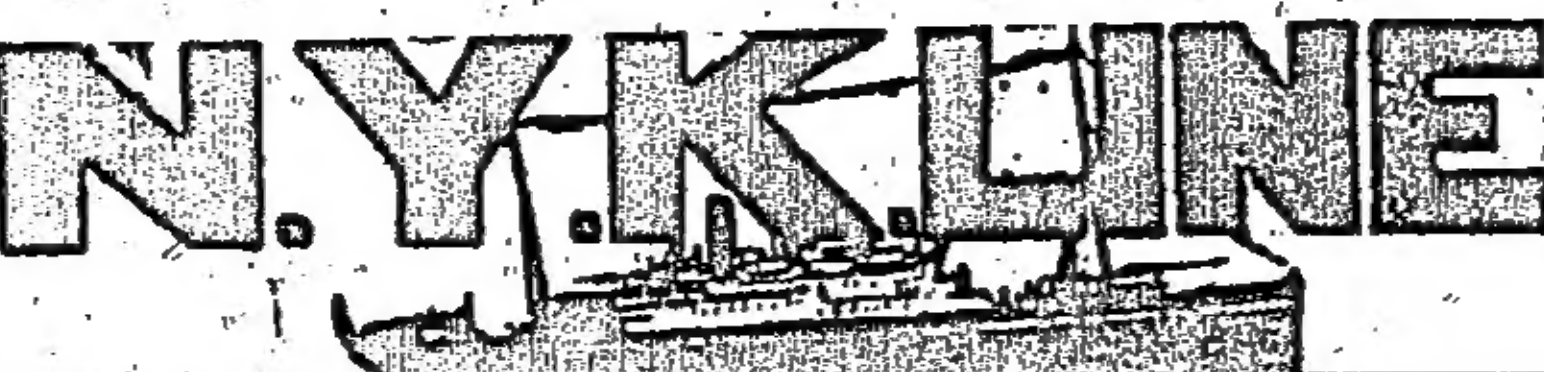
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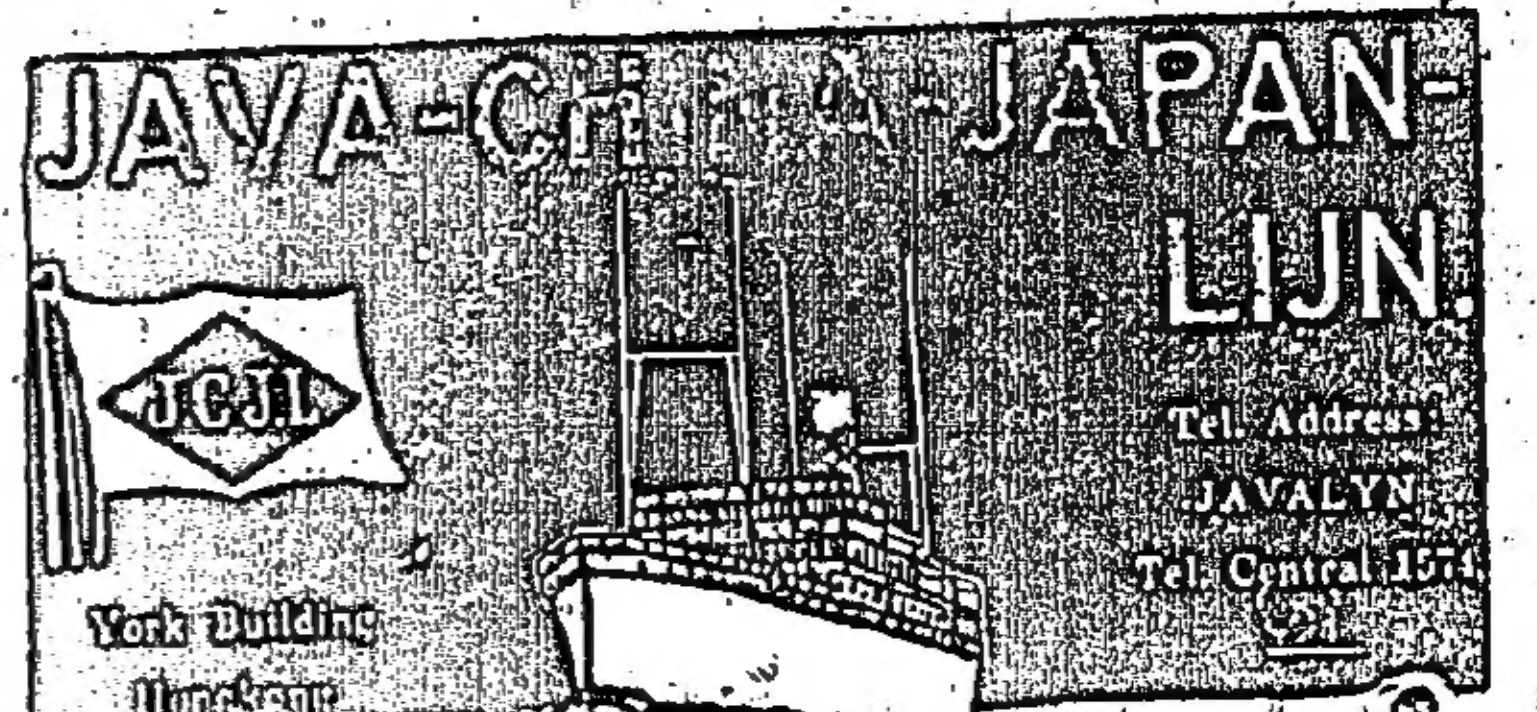
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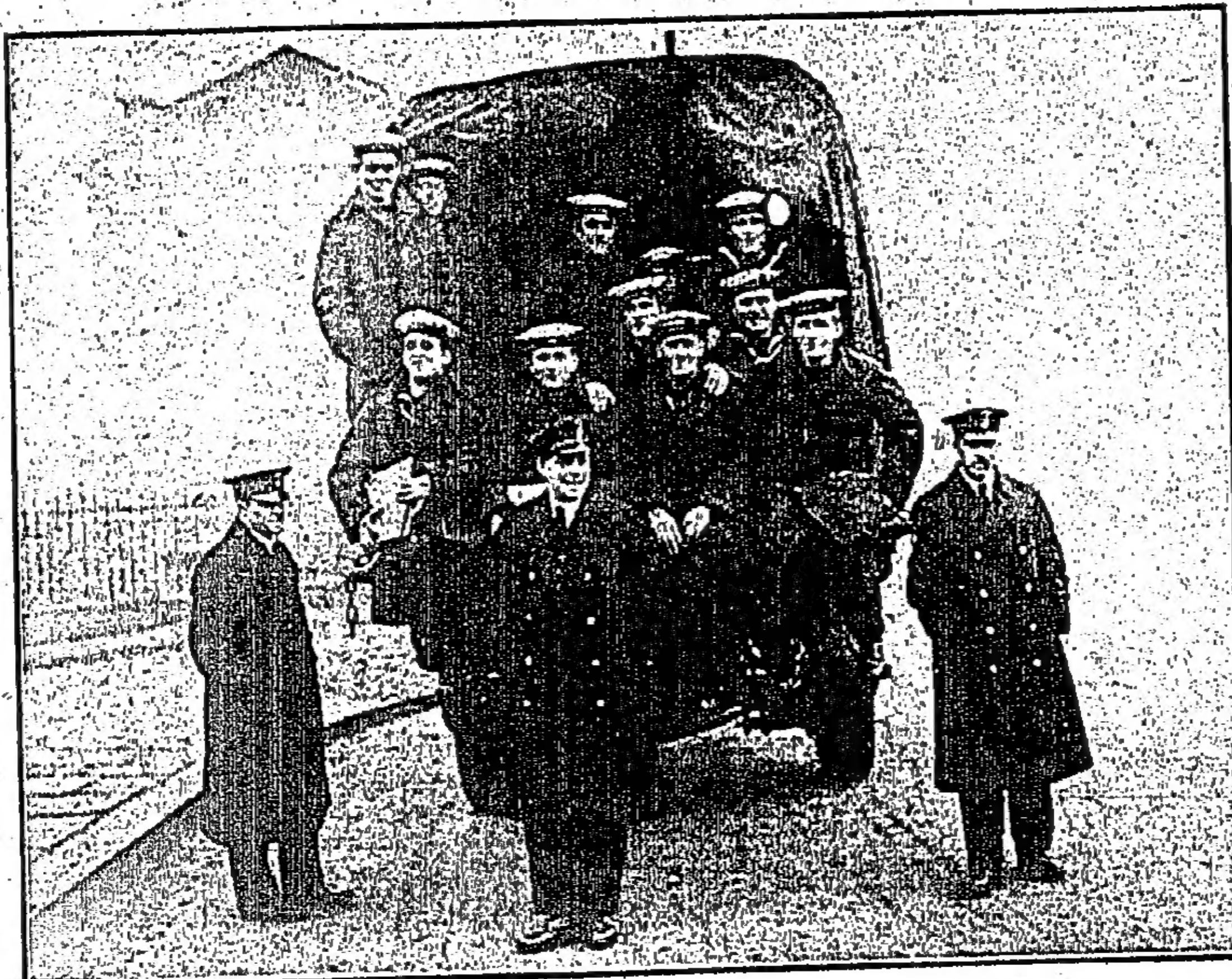
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HANKOW EVACUATION BEGINS.

(Continued From Page 1.)
British forces and take back the Concessions, state that the Kuomintang was represented at this gathering, at which many speeches were delivered denouncing so-called "British Imperialism." The meeting approved of a series of demands to be sent to the Nationalist Government, with a request that they be communicated to the British Consul General. The demands included a protest to the British Consul in connection with the incidents of Monday; compensation for the relatives of those Chinese alleged to have been killed; those responsible for the alleged killing of the Chinese to be handed over to the Chinese authorities for trial; British cruisers to be withdrawn from the vicinity of Hankow; all British Volunteers at Hankow to be disbanded; and the right of stationing Chinese troops in the Concession for the maintenance of peace to be conceded.

The reports state that the meeting urged that a time-limit of 72 hours be given for compliance with the demands after they have been presented to the British Consul. The Nationalist Government is said to favour the demands. The telegrams further add that pickets are stationed at the Customs House and along the Bund, whilst troops of the 7th Kuomintang Army Corps have taken up stations in the Concession.

BRITISH LABOUR VIEWS.
CONCILIATION URGED.

London, Jan. 5.
The Labour Party, in a statement as regards the situation in China, suggests that the British Government should offer to withdraw British warships from Chinese territorial waters upon an agreement with regard to the security of the lives of British residents. It urges the British Government to observe the strictest neutrality between the contending forces in China and to put British relations with the Canton Government on a friendly footing at the earliest possible moment. The statement advocates a fair Anglo-Cantonese Agreement with regard to funds, the strict enforcement of the China Order-in-Council of 1925, and a British attempt to secure, in co-operation with other nations concerned, an absolute and effective prohibition of the importation of arms into China. The British Government should not be deterred from proceeding on a policy of reconciliation and justice to China because some other Government may refuse to march with it. It concludes by

appealing to the Canton authorities to enter into negotiations immediately so that an agreement may be reached to enable Britain to begin a new relationship with China and for China to enjoy full freedom as a self-governing nation.—*Reuter.*

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Shanghai, Jan. 5.
According to reports received locally, all women and children at Hankow have been instructed to embark preparatory to leaving the port.

The local British authorities hitherto have not confirmed this report.—*Reuter.*

HOME PRESS COMMENT.

London, Jan. 5.
The wonderful patience and restraint of the British marines at Hankow is a feature of newspaper headlines and news from China.

The *Daily Mail* in an editorial says thanks are due to brave men who furnished an example of forbearance which it is hoped will impress the more fair-minded Chinese, who ought to see, in this a practical application, carried out at great personal inconvenience and risk, of a policy of strict moderation and large tolerance in our relations towards China, laid down by Sir Austen Chamberlain.

The *Daily Chronicle* similarly comments on a "trying, but happily not disastrous incident," and remarks that our success will not depend upon force, which would defeat our own ends, nor insidious propaganda, at which we are experts, but on patience, forbearance, and a frank, persistent iteration of our real aims.—*Reuter.*

WONDERFUL RESTRAINT.

Rugby, Jan. 5.
Press messages from Hankow state that following the mob demonstration provoked by agitators outside the British Concession on Monday, British officials and the Chinese authorities had a consultation on methods for maintaining order.

As a conciliatory measure, the British naval forces were withdrawn from the Concession to vessels in the river, the Chinese authorities having agreed to prevent further disturbances.

Correspondents report that thereafter Chinese coolies and agitators entered the Concession and interfered with the defences, and gathered before the Consulate, whereupon Chinese Infantry cleared the bund and set a cordon around the Concession. The situation was thus eased.

Naval forces are standing by. Admiration is generally expressed, even by many Chinese, at the discipline and restraint displayed by the naval forces during Monday's rioting, no shot being fired although missiles were showered upon them.—*British Wireless.*

AMERICA AND NICARAGUA.

MARINE GUARDS FOR MANAGUA.

Washington, Jan. 5.
Commenting on the statement made from White House with regard to the United States policy in Central America, Dr. Vaca, the Nicaraguan Liberals' representative in Washington, said that he was not aware that anyone threatened the rights of the United States to build a canal or naval base at Fonseca Bay but no canal was being constructed and American marines had landed at points on the Nicaraguan coast very far from the site of the proposed canal.

The State Department has announced that an American marine guard has been ordered to Managua and has disclosed that British and Italian diplomatic representatives there have requested outside protection for their nationals, whom they felt to be in imminent peril.—*Reuter's American Service.*

U. S. NAVAL STRENGTH.

SENATOR BUTLER SAYS
"GO AHEAD."

Washington, Jan. 5.
The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives has passed a resolution in favour of elevating the guns of all the thirteen older United States battleships in order to give them a range equal to the British ships.

Mr. Butler, Chairman of the Committee cited a ruling by Mr. Hughes, then Secretary of State, in 1924, that the elevation of the guns would violate the spirit of the Washington Treaty, but remarked that as the spirit of the Treaty was dead and "the race was on," it was high time for America to go ahead.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ADAMANT.

Washington, Jan. 5.
Despite the strong feeling manifested by Congress in favour of enlarging the American Navy, President Coolidge has reaffirmed his opposition to the construction of new cruisers at present, but has not objected to the authorisation by Congress, provided there is no appropriation for construction.

It was asserted in the House of Representatives after the President's views were published that additional agreements for the limitation of armaments, on which President Coolidge pins such faith, would never be reached because the United States Navy has nothing more to scrap.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SUNNING PIRACY.

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(Fukienese spelling) skilful worker, for him to take to you (i.e. the witness) three foreign ducks, in one basket, and winter bamboo shoot, and dried bean curds in another basket.—Please accept and comfort me by acknowledging receipt.

Replying to Mr. Lo, witness said that a part of the goods referred to had since been returned to him by the police.

DEFENDANT CALLED.

Responding to another question which Mr. Lo said he put for the satisfaction of Mr. King, witness added that to his knowledge defendant had been at least a year in the Colony before he embarked on the eventual trip to Amoy.

Called to the witness-box to give his own evidence, So Tik-sui said that he had been for eight years established in this Colony as a monumental mason at Aberdeen. A married man with incidental responsibilities, he pointed to two young sons who were in the Court, spoke of having two other children, one a little girl who was sick at home, and the other a baby in arms, who was recently born.

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